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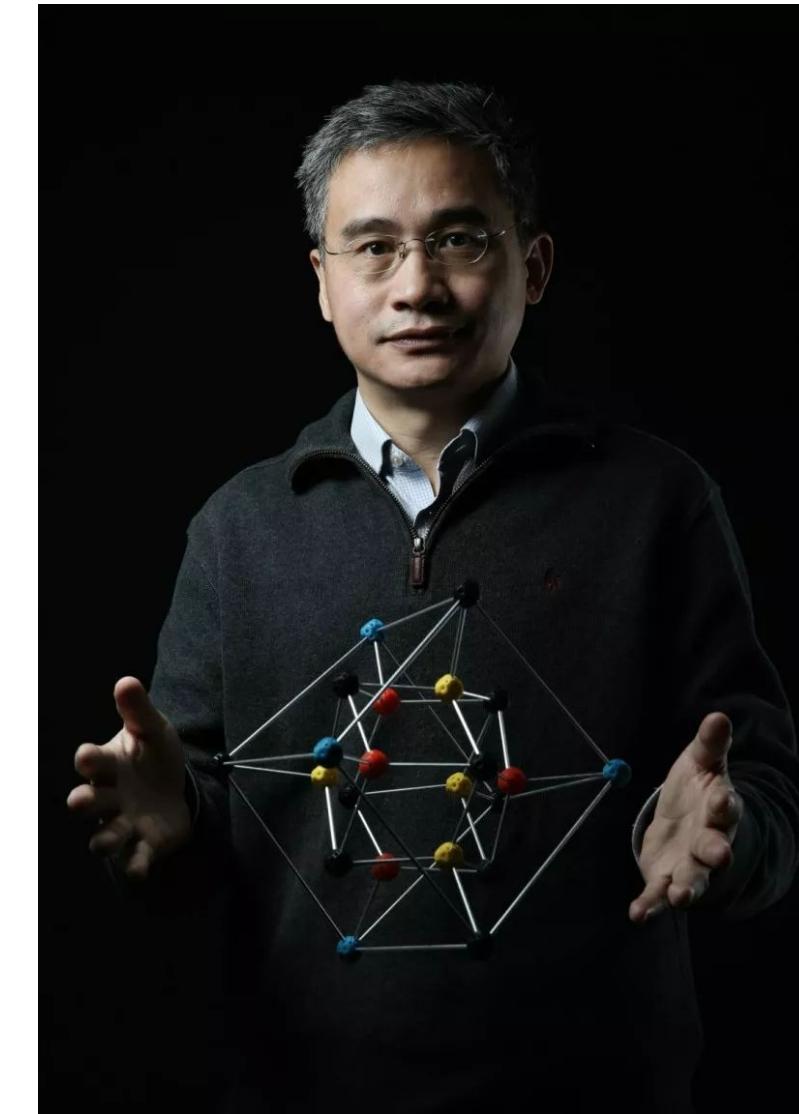
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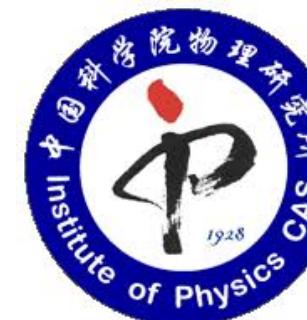
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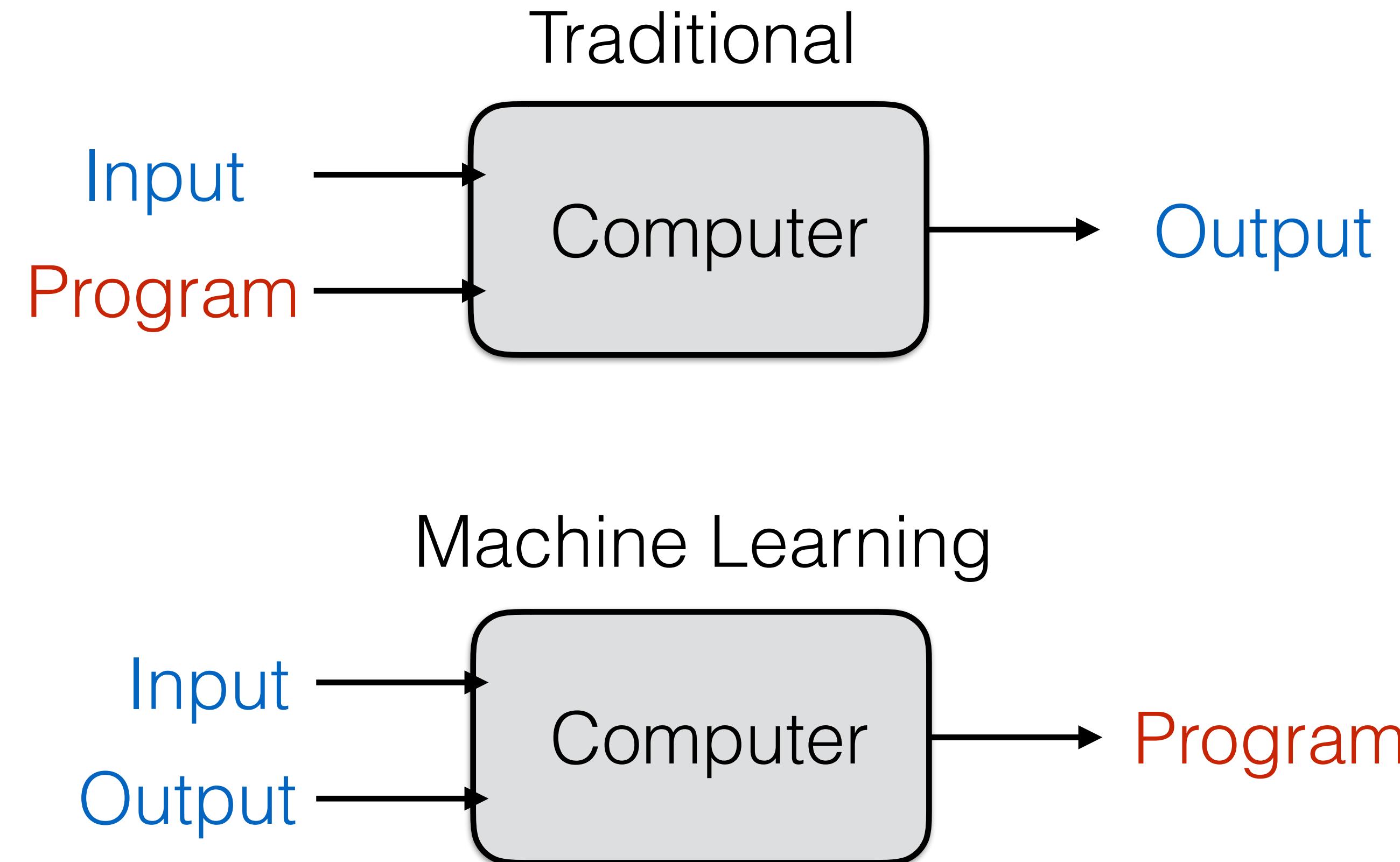
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<https://github.com/wangleiphy/tensorgrad>



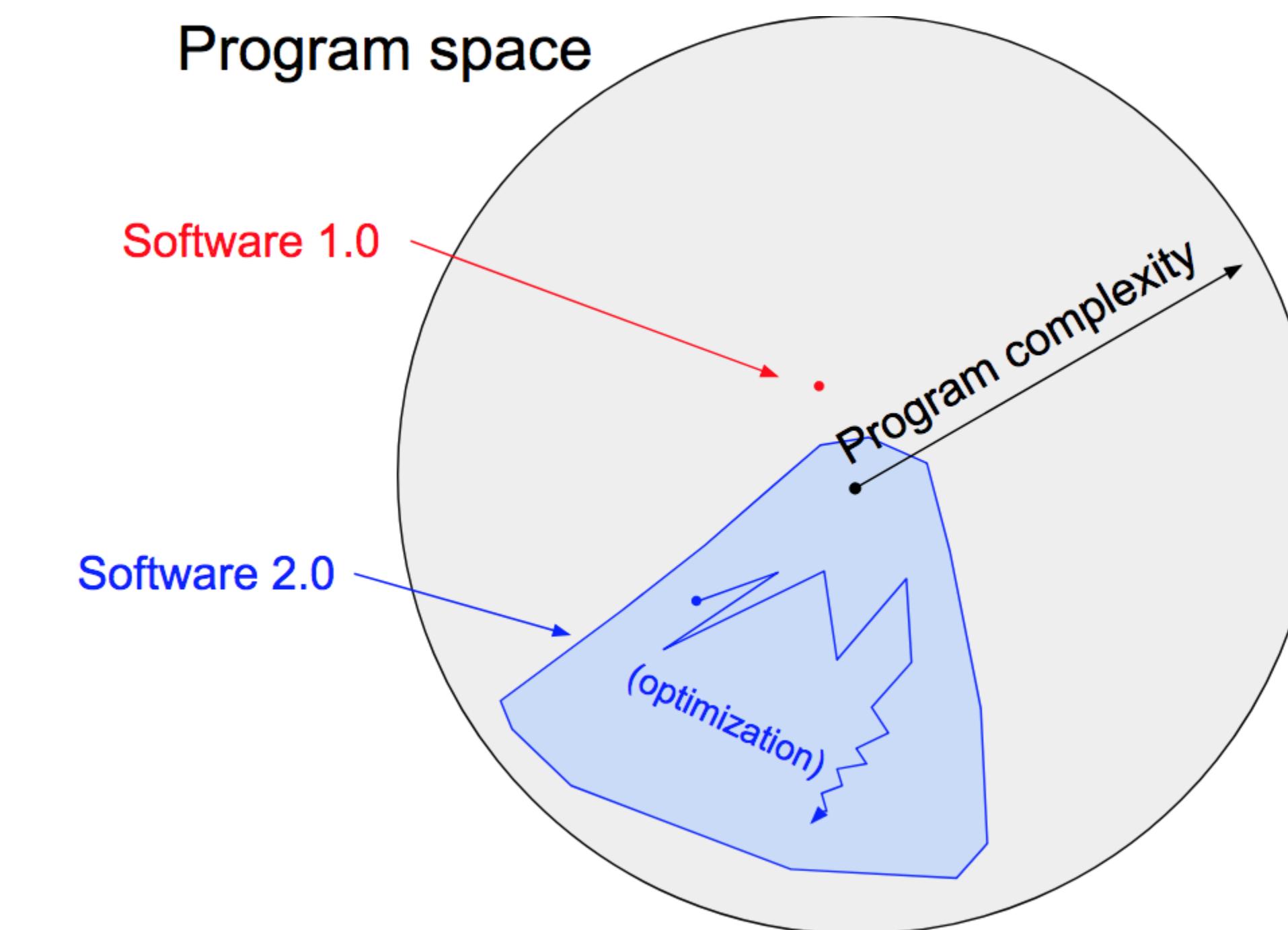
# Differentiable Programming



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# Differentiable Programming

## Benefits of Software 2.0

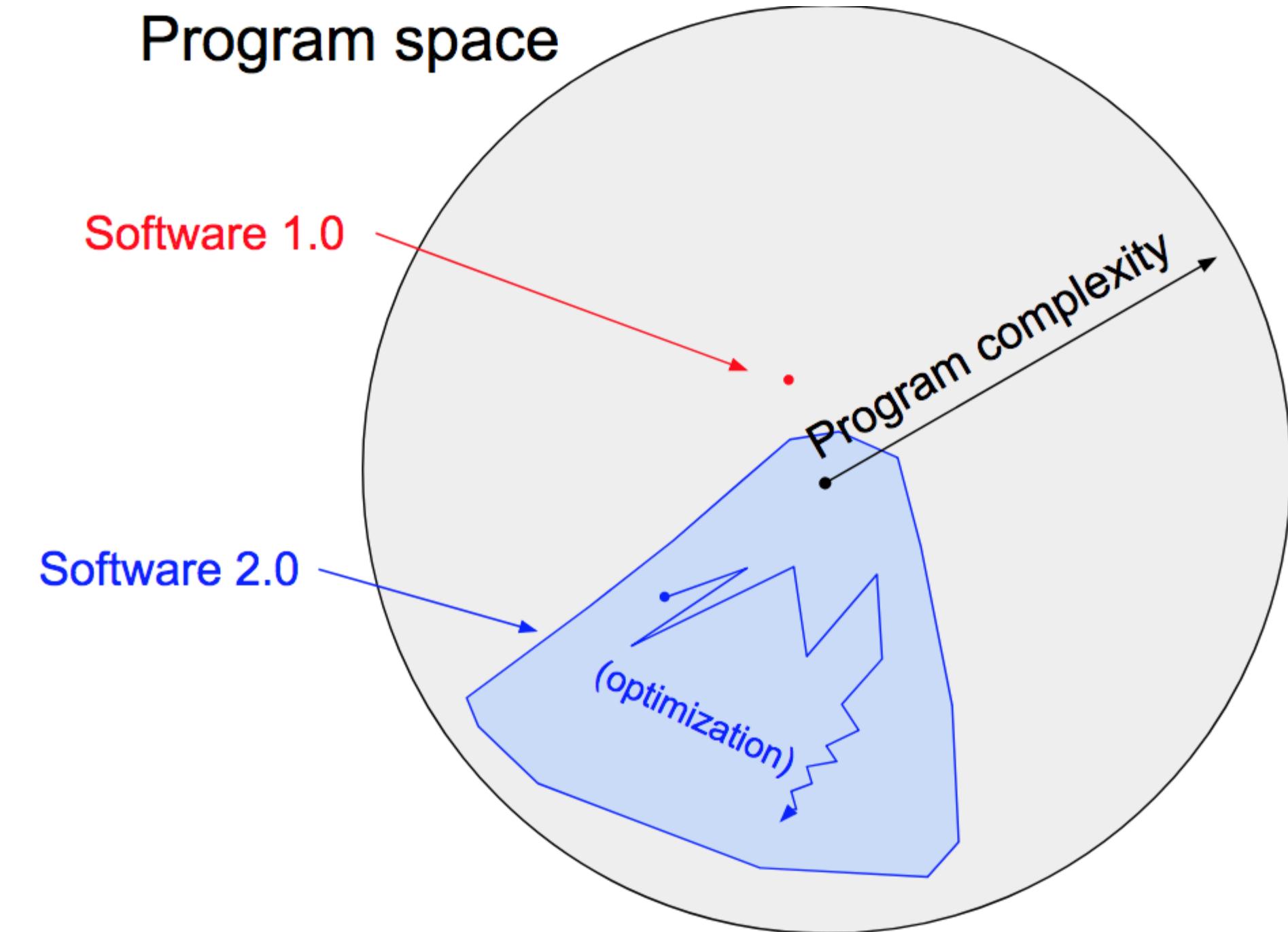
- Computationally homogeneous
- Simple to bake into silicon
- Constant running time
- Constant memory usage
- Highly portable & agile
- Modules can meld into an optimal whole
- **Better than humans**



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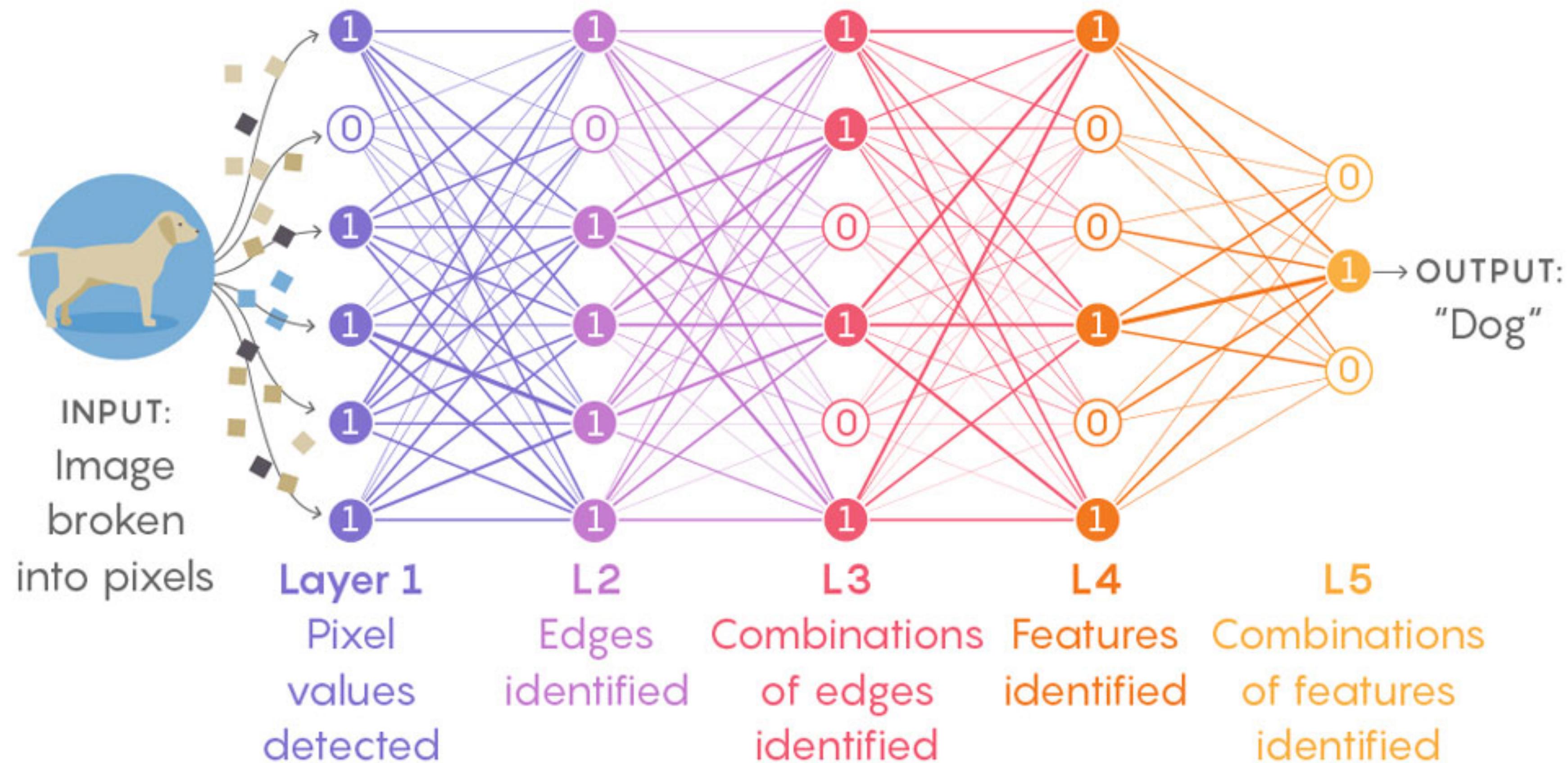
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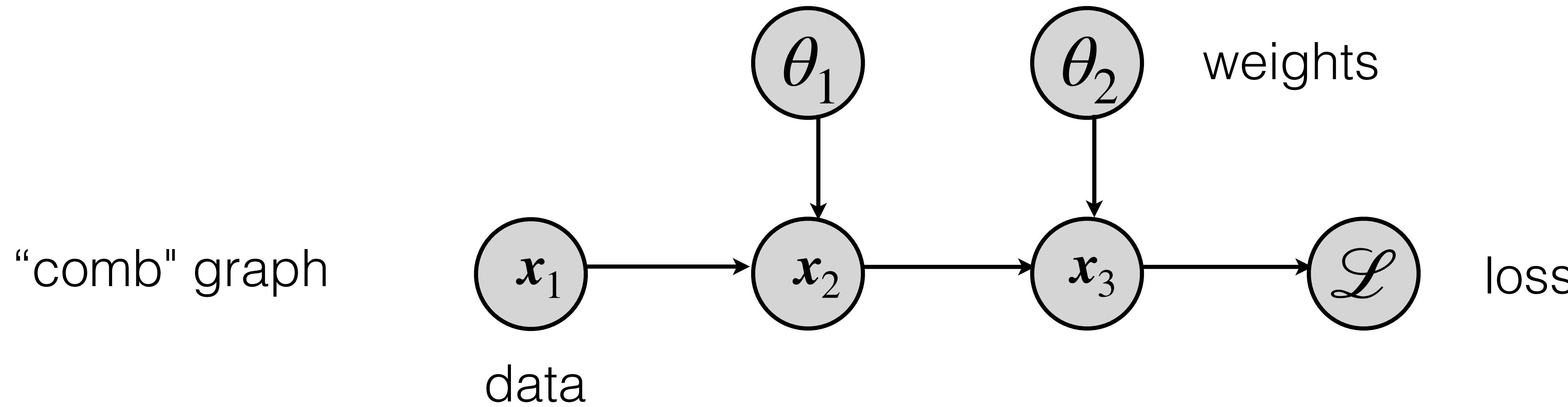
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# The engine of deep learning



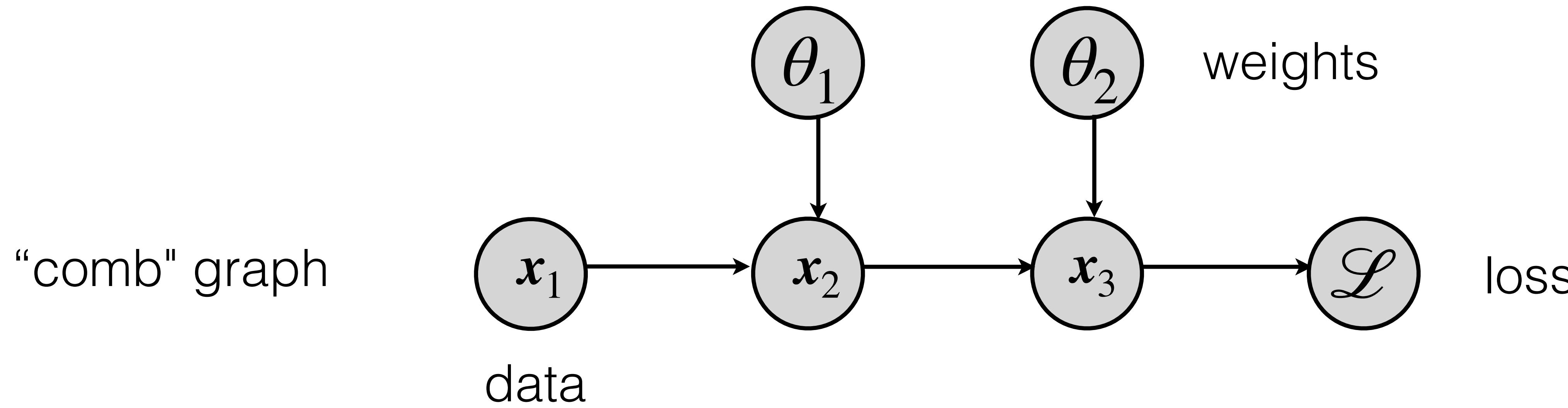
Compose differentiable components to a program  
e.g. a neural network, then optimize with gradient

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Pullback the adjoint through the graph

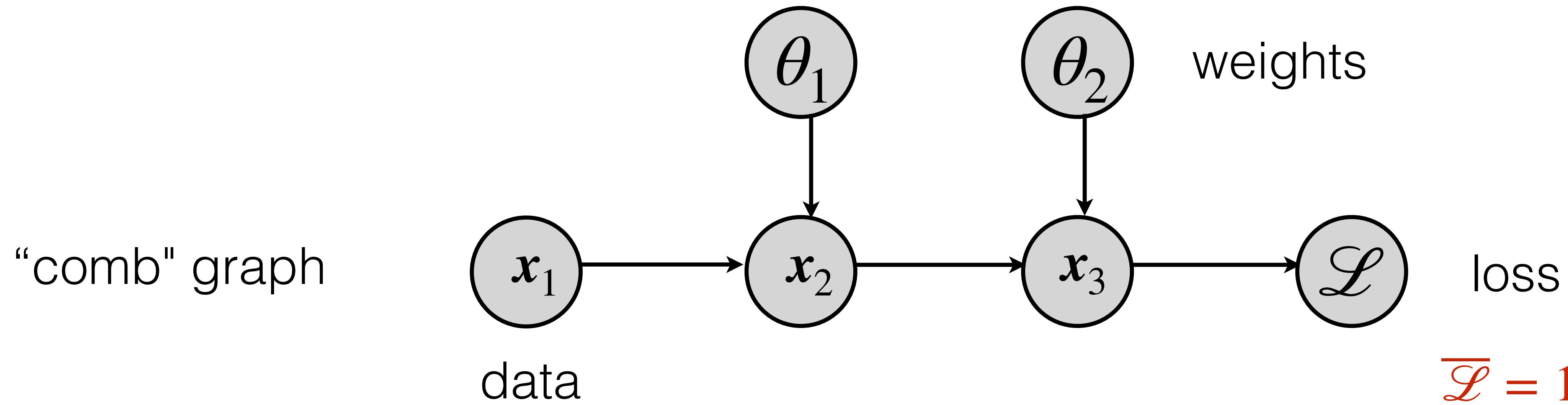
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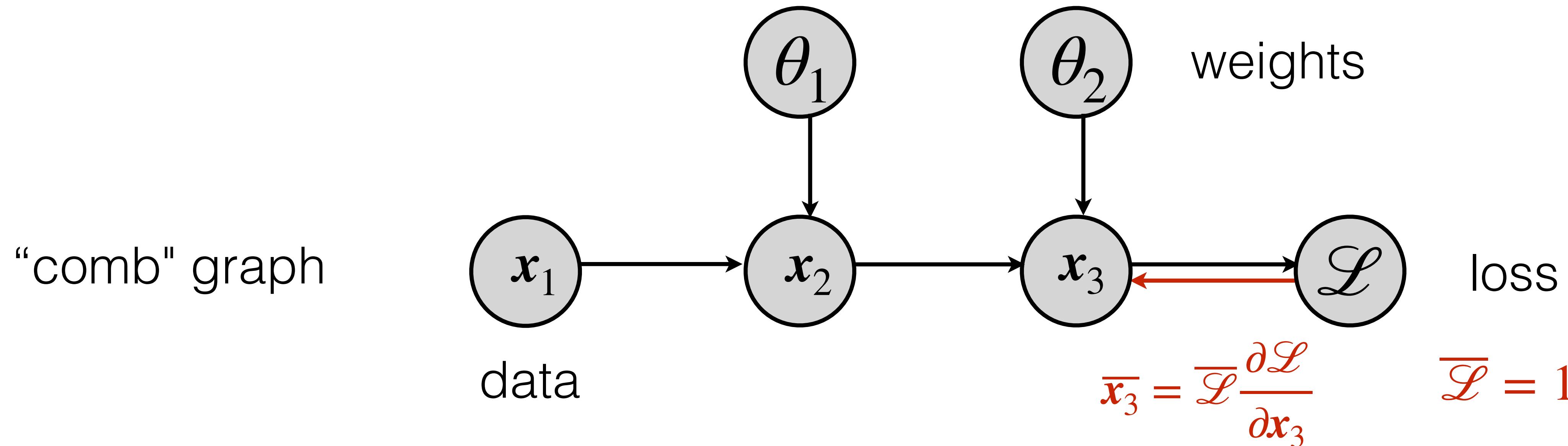
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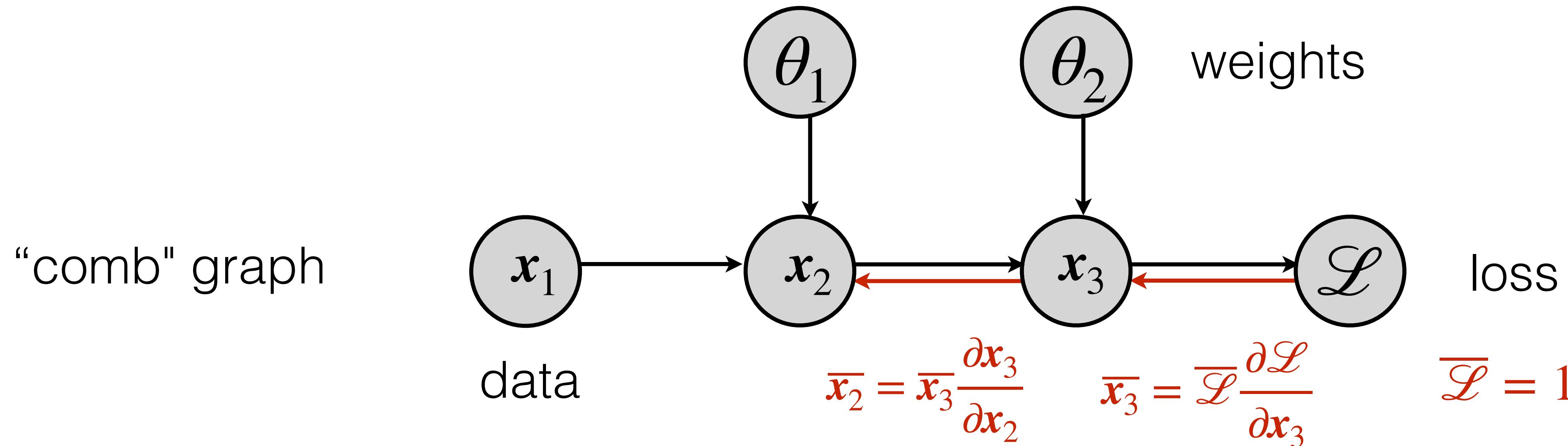
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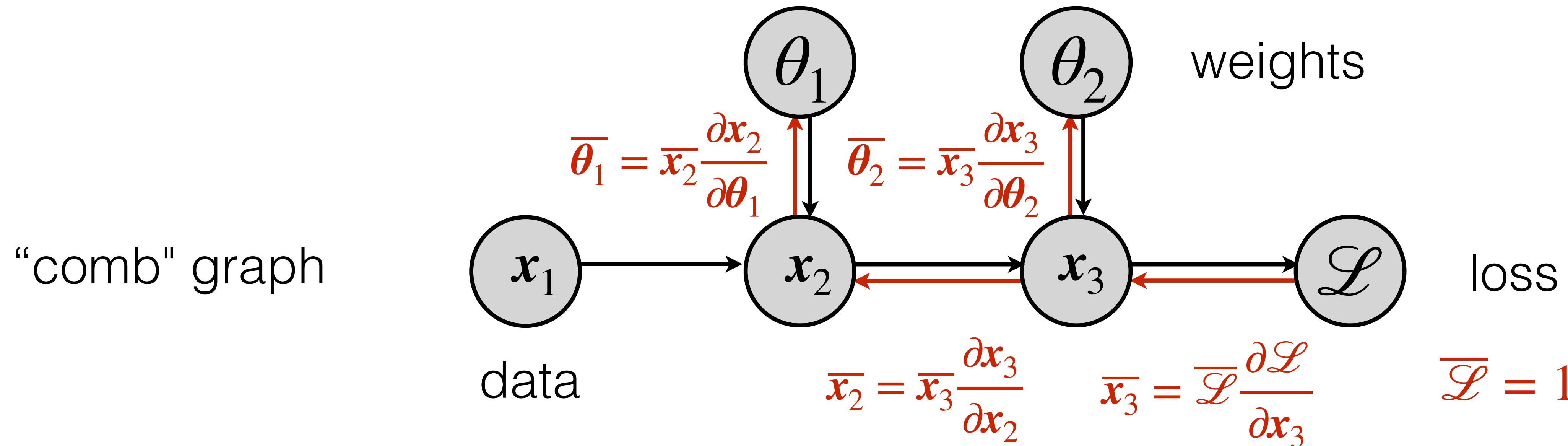
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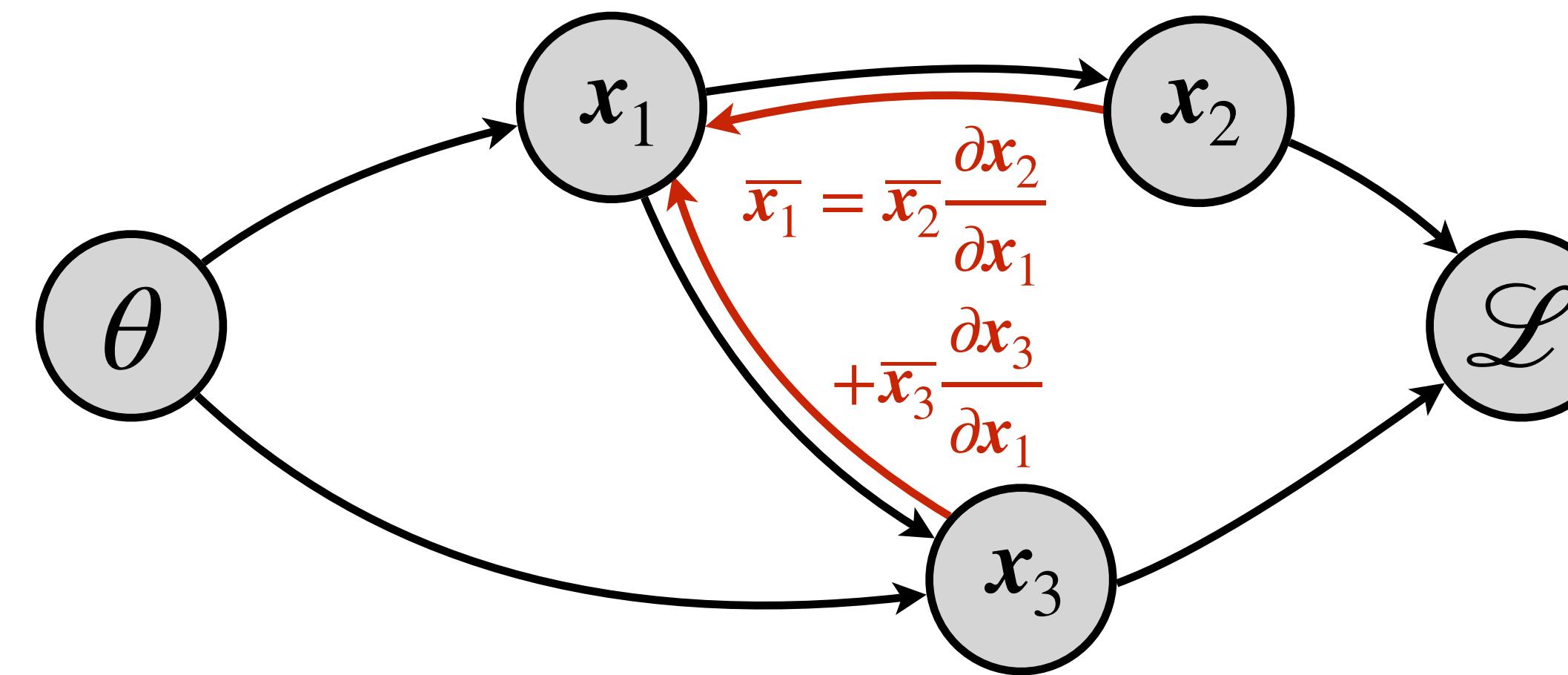


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# Computation Graph

directed  
acyclic graph

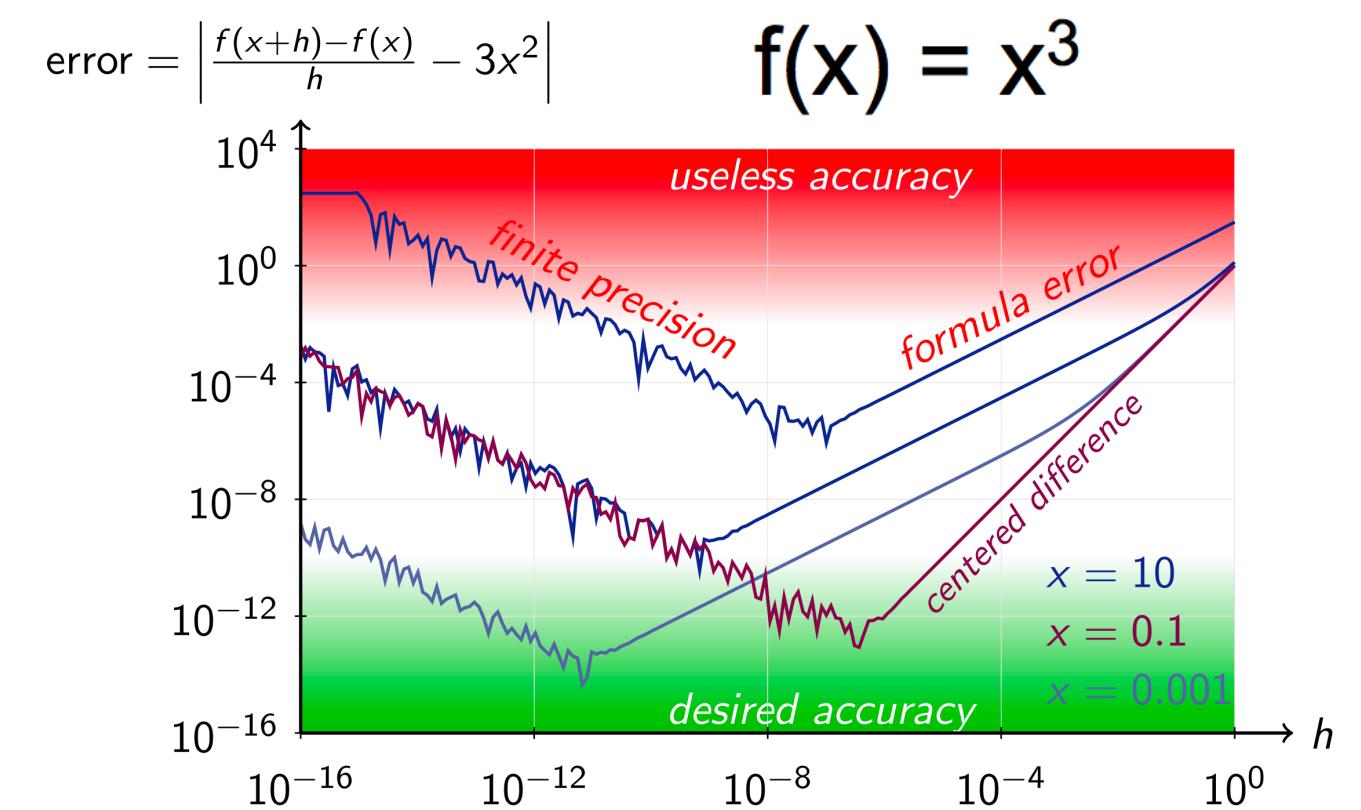


$$\bar{x}_i = \sum_{j: \text{child of } i} \bar{x}_j \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial x_i} \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\mathcal{L}} = 1$$

Message passing for the adjoint at each node

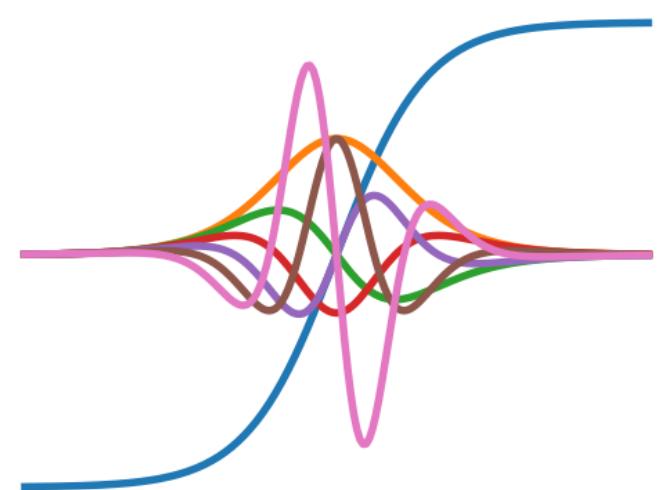
# Advantages of automatic differentiation

- Accurate to the machine precision



- Same computational complexity as the function evaluation:  
Baur-Strassen theorem '83

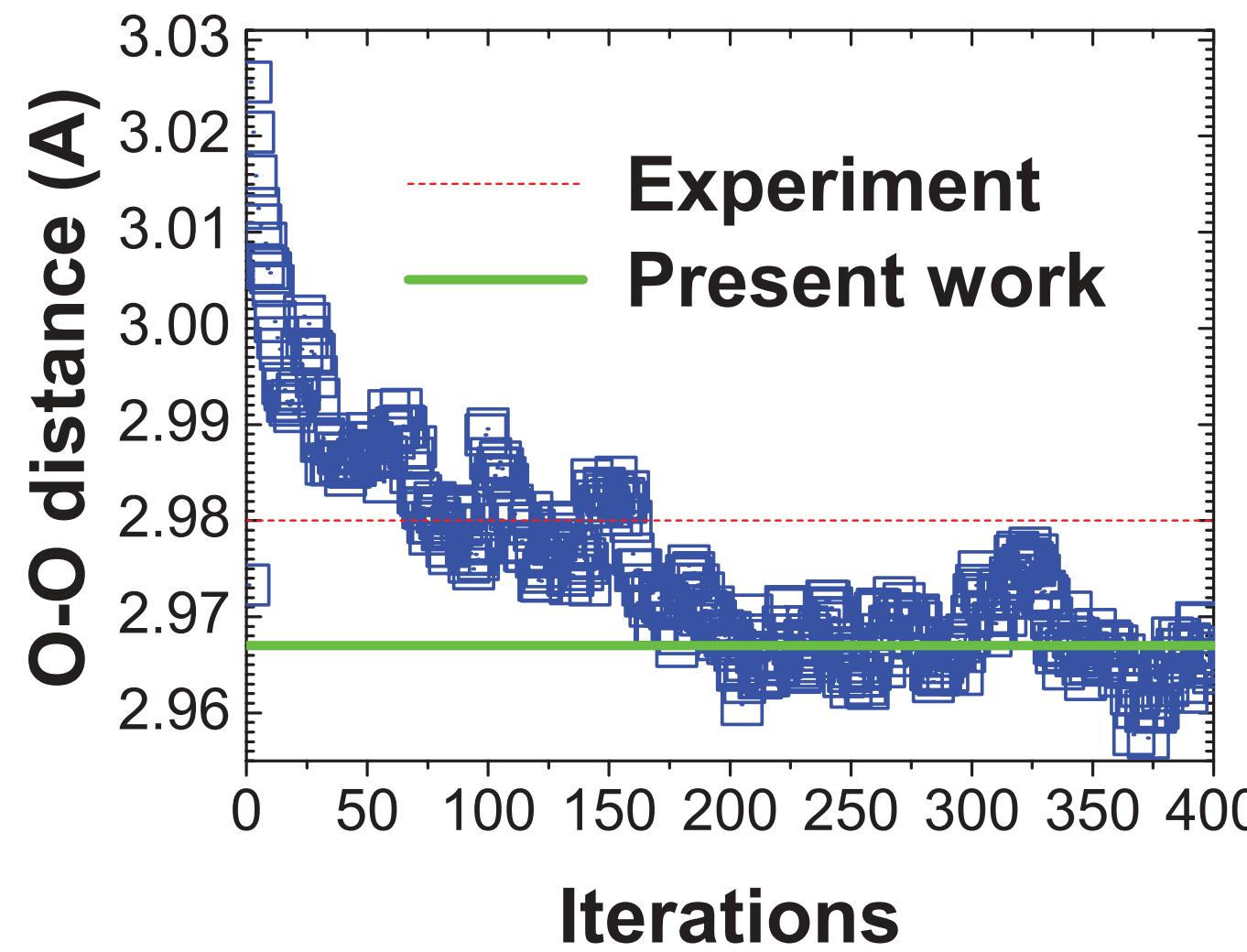
- Supports higher order gradients



```
>>> from autograd import elementwise_grad as egrad # for functions that vectorize over inputs
>>> import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>>> x = np.linspace(-7, 7, 200)
>>> plt.plot(x, tanh(x),
...             x, egrad(tanh)(x),
...             x, egrad(egrad(tanh))(x),
...             x, egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh)))(x),
...             x, egrad(egrad(egrad(egrad(tanh))))(x),
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...             )
...             # first derivative
...             # second derivative
...             # third derivative
...             # fourth derivative
...             # fifth derivative
...             # sixth derivative
>>> plt.show()
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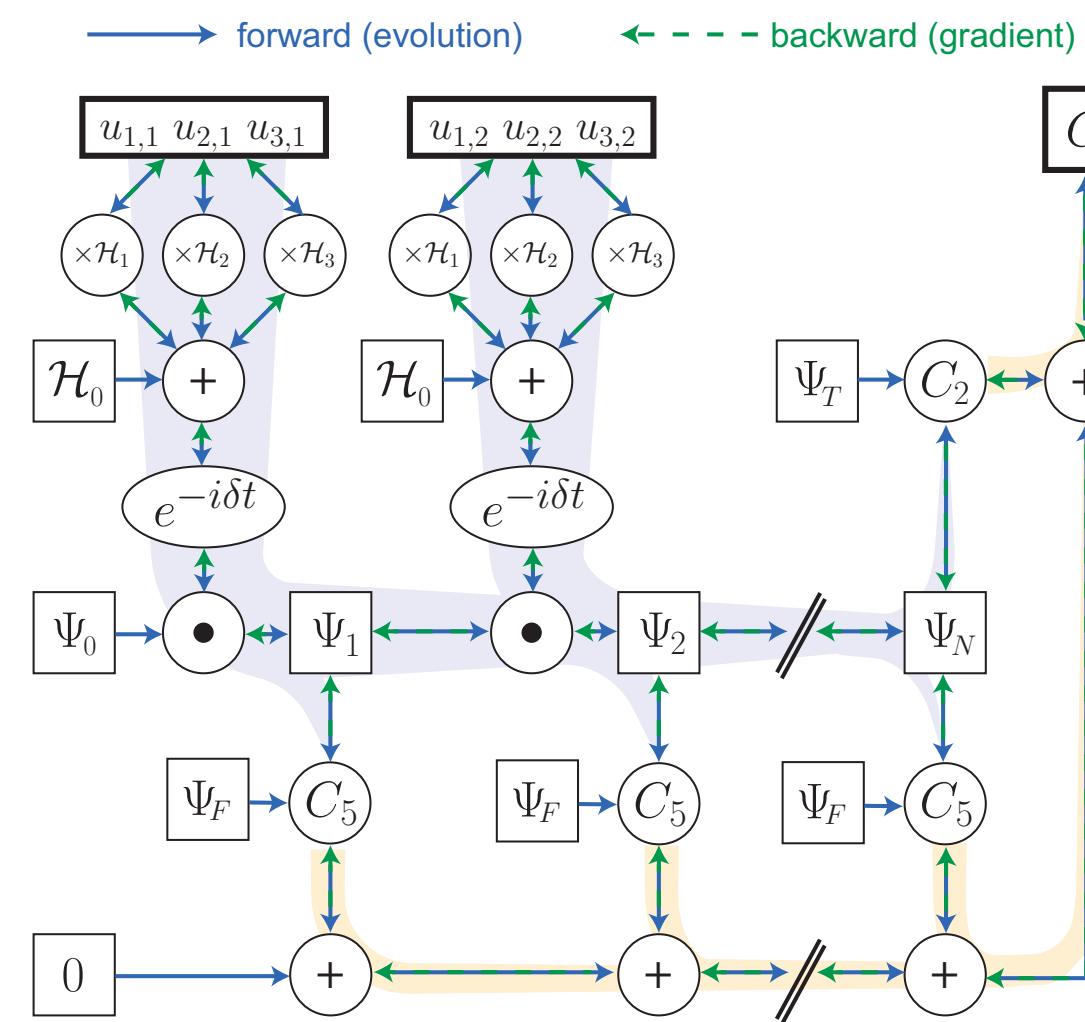
# Applications of AD

## Computing force



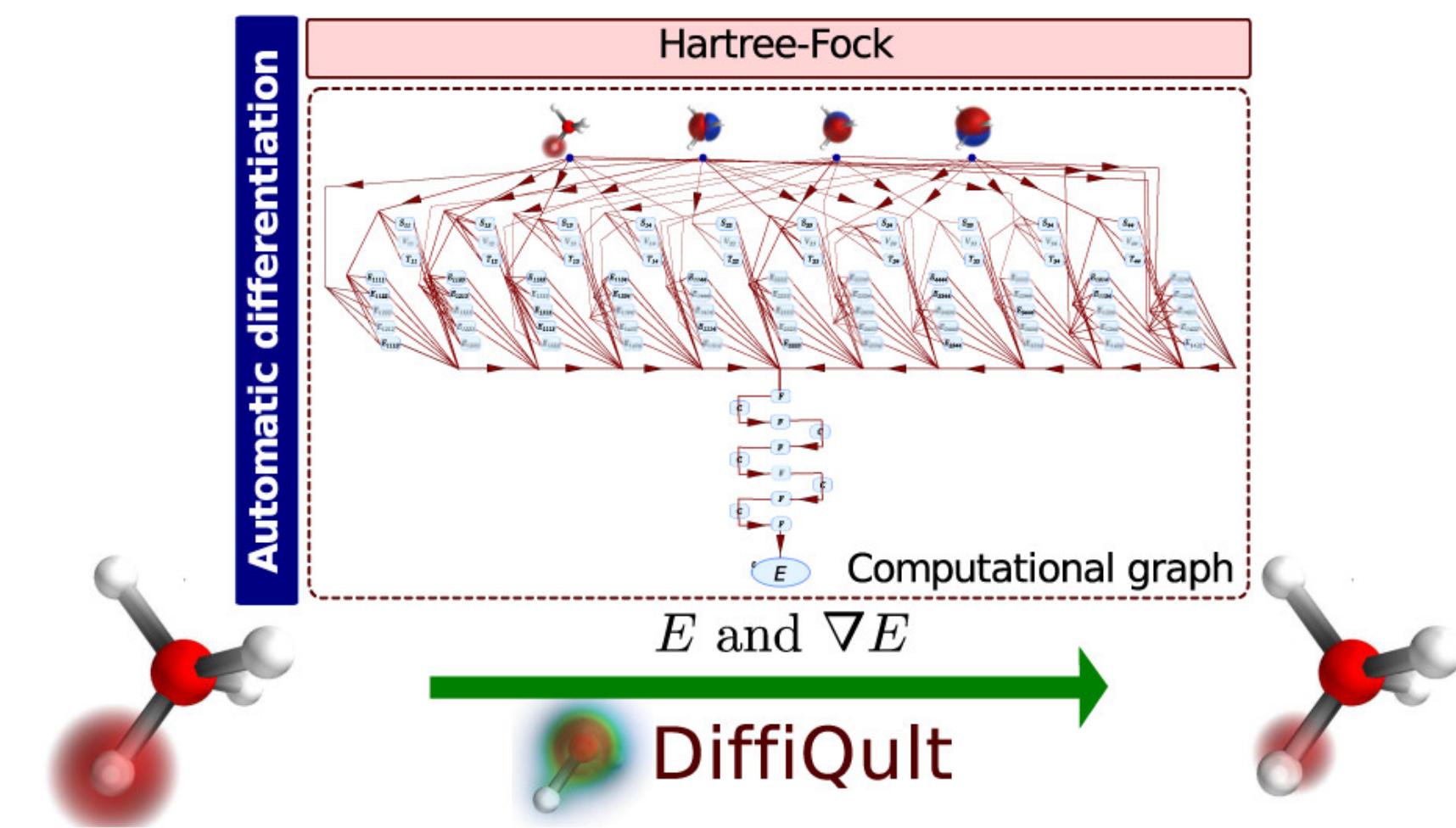
Sorella and Capriotti  
J. Chem. Phys. '10

## Quantum optimal control



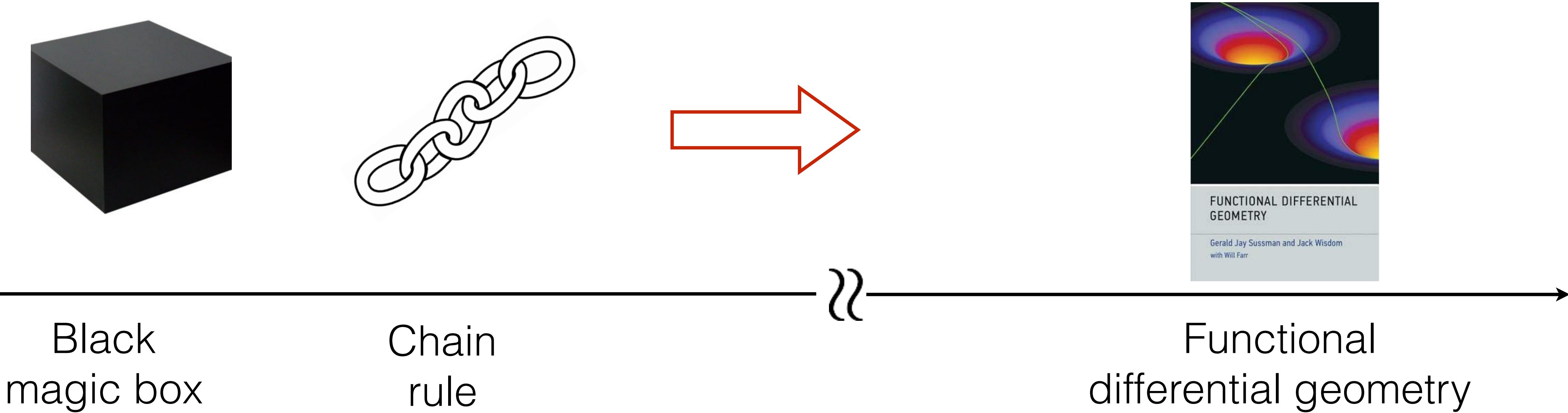
Leung et al  
PRA '17

## Variational Hartree-Fock



Tamayo-Mendoza et al  
ACS Cent. Sci. '18

# Understandings of AD



[https://colab.research.google.com/  
github/google/jax/blob/master/  
notebooks/autodiff\\_cookbook.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/google/jax/blob/master/notebooks/autodiff_cookbook.ipynb)

# Reverse versus forward mode

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Reverse mode AD: Vector-Jacobian Product of primitives

- Backtrace the computation graph
- Needs to store intermediate results
- Efficient for graphs with large fan-in

$$v_o (J)_{o \times i}$$

**Backpropagation = Reverse mode AD applied to neural networks**

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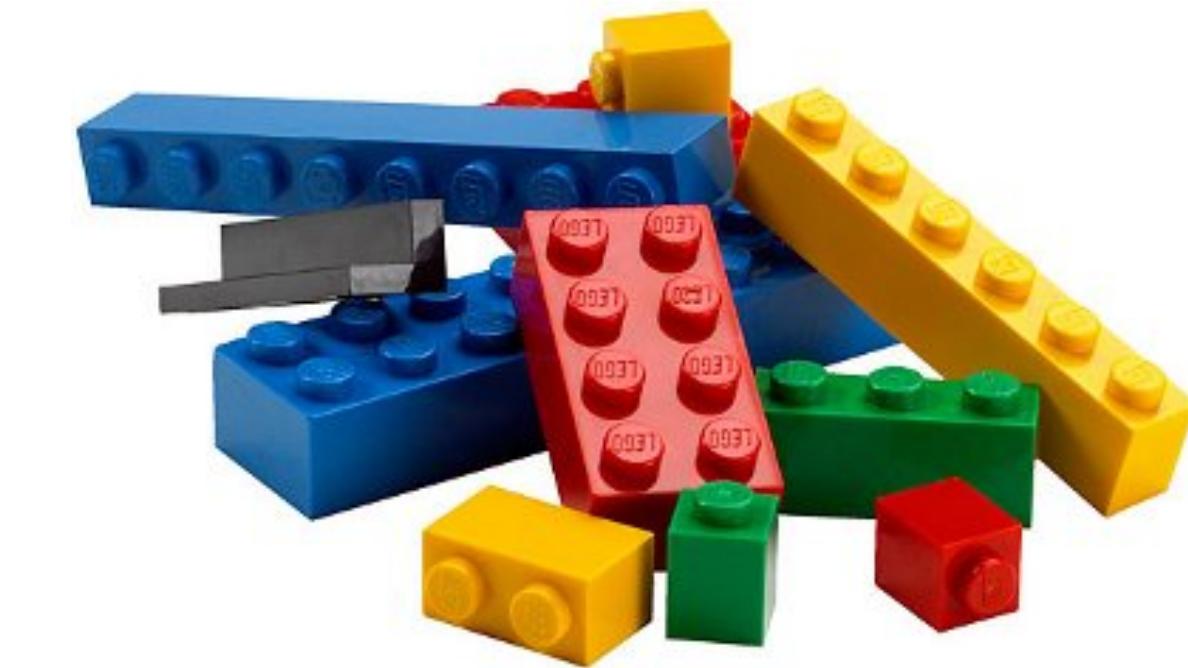
Forward mode AD: Jacobian-Vector Product of primitives

- Same order with the function evaluation  $(J)_{o \times i} v_i$
- No storage overhead
- Efficient for graph with large fan-out

Less efficient for scalar output, but useful for higher-order derivatives

# How to think about AD ?

- AD is modular, and one can control its granularity
- Benefits of writing [customized primitives](#)
  - Reducing memory usage
  - Increasing numerical stability
  - Call to [external libraries](#) written agnostically to AD  
(or, even a quantum processor)



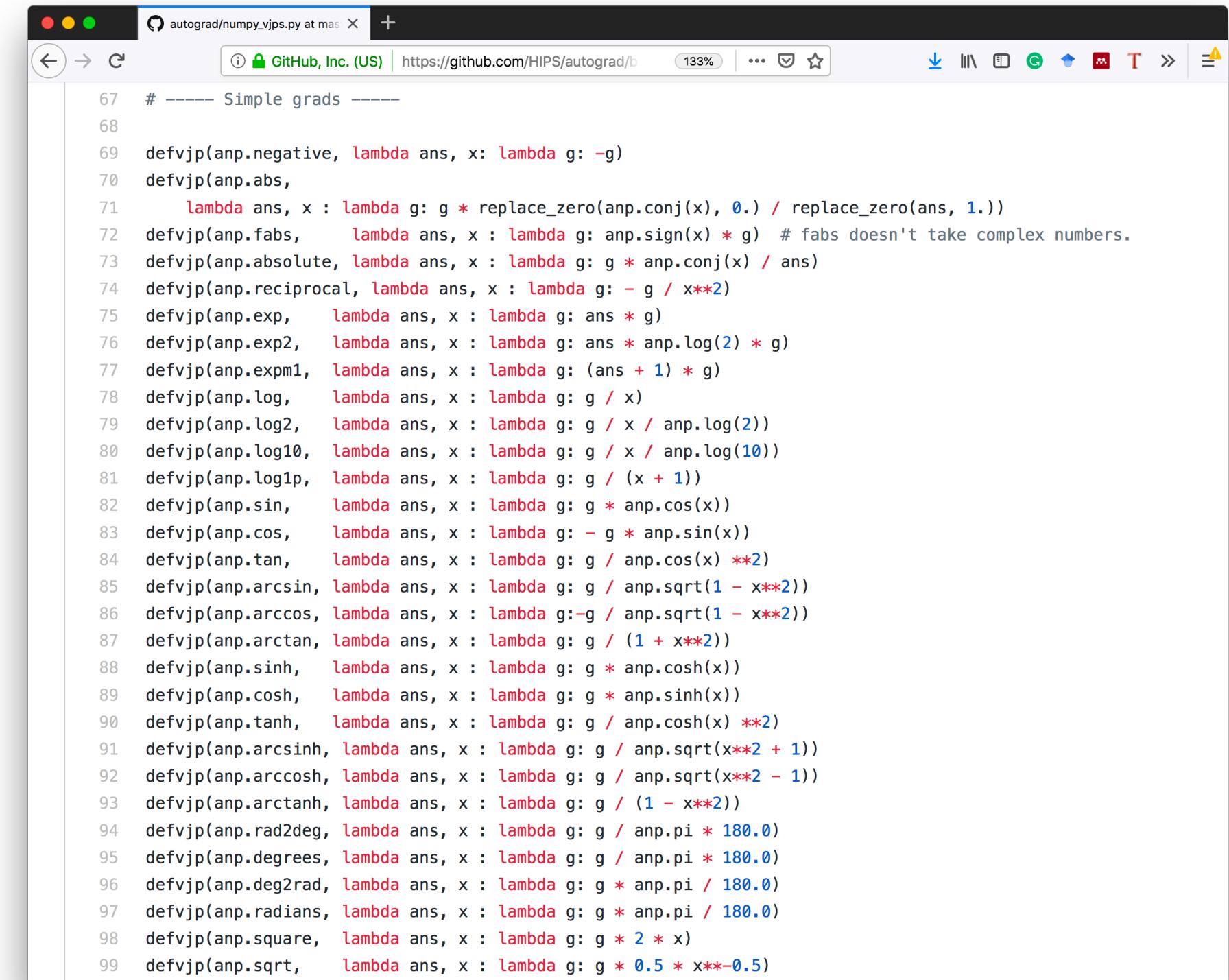
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# Example of the primitives

**~200 functions to cover most of numpy in HIPS/autograd**

[https://github.com/HIPS/autograd/blob/master/autograd/numpy/numpy\\_vjps.py](https://github.com/HIPS/autograd/blob/master/autograd/numpy/numpy_vjps.py)

Operators	+, -, *, /, (-), **, %, <, <=, ==, !=, >, >=,
Basic math functions	exp, log, square, sqrt, sin, cos, tan, sinh, cosh, tanh, sinc, abs, fabs, logaddexp, logaddexp2, absolute, reciprocal, exp2, expm1, log2, log10, log1p, arcsin, arccos, arctan, arcsinh, arccosh, arctanh, rad2deg, degrees, deg2rad, radians
Complex numbers	real, imag, conj, angle, fft, fftshift, ifftshift, real_if_close
Array reductions	sum, mean, prod, var, std, max, min, amax, amin
Array reshaping	reshape, ravel, squeeze, diag, roll, array_split, split, vsplit, hsplit, dsplit, expand_dims, flipud, fliplr, rot90, swapaxes, rollaxis, transpose, atleast_1d, atleast_2d, atleast_3d
Linear algebra	dot, tensordot, einsum, cross, trace, outer, det, slogdet, inv, norm, eigh, cholesky, sqrtm, solve_triangular
Other array operations	cumsum, clip, maximum, minimum, sort, msort, partition, concatenate, diagonal, truncate_pad, tile, full, triu, tril, where, diff, nan_to_num, vstack, hstack
Probability functions	t.pdf, t.cdf, t.logpdf, t.logcdf, multivariate_normal.logpdf, multivariate_normal.pdf, multivariate_normal.entropy, norm.pdf, norm.cdf, norm.logpdf, norm.logcdf,



The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the file `numpy_vjps.py` from the `HIPS/autograd` repository on GitHub. The code is a Python script containing numerous definitions of `defvjp` functions for various NumPy functions. The browser interface includes standard navigation buttons, a search bar, and a code editor with syntax highlighting.

```
# ----- Simple grads -----
defvjp(anp.negative, lambda ans, x: lambda g: -g)
defvjp(anp.abs, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * replace_zero(anp.conj(x), 0.) / replace_zero(ans, 1.))
defvjp(anp.fabs, lambda ans, x : lambda g: anp.sign(x) * g) # fabs doesn't take complex numbers.
defvjp(anp.absolute, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * anp.conj(x) / ans)
defvjp(anp.reciprocal, lambda ans, x : lambda g: -g / x**2)
defvjp(anp.exp, lambda ans, x : lambda g: ans * g)
defvjp(anp.exp2, lambda ans, x : lambda g: ans * anp.log(2) * g)
defvjp(anp.expm1, lambda ans, x : lambda g: (ans + 1) * g)
defvjp(anp.log, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / x)
defvjp(anp.log2, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / x / anp.log(2))
defvjp(anp.log10, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / x / anp.log(10))
defvjp(anp.log1p, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / (x + 1))
defvjp(anp.sin, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * anp.cos(x))
defvjp(anp.cos, lambda ans, x : lambda g: -g * anp.sin(x))
defvjp(anp.tan, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.cos(x)**2)
defvjp(anp.arcsin, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.sqrt(1 - x**2))
defvjp(anp.arccos, lambda ans, x : lambda g:-g / anp.sqrt(1 - x**2))
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defvjp(anp.cosh, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * anp.sinh(x))
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defvjp(anp.arcsinh, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.sqrt(x**2 + 1))
defvjp(anp.arccosh, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.sqrt(x**2 - 1))
defvjp(anp.arctanh, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / (1 - x**2))
defvjp(anp.rad2deg, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.pi * 180.0)
defvjp(anp.degrees, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g / anp.pi * 180.0)
defvjp(anp.deg2rad, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * anp.pi / 180.0)
defvjp(anp.radians, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * anp.pi / 180.0)
defvjp(anp.square, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * 2 * x)
defvjp(anp.sqrt, lambda ans, x : lambda g: g * 0.5 * x**-0.5)
```

**Loop/Condition/Sort/Permutations are also differentiable**

# Differentiable programming tools

HIPS/autograd

PyTorch



theano

TensorFlow

Keras

flux

Zygote

# Current support for AD\*

	linalg	complex	GPU	mixed-mode
PyTorch	✓	✗	✓	✗
TensorFlow	✓	✗	✓	✗
Autograd	✓	✗	✗	✗
Jax	✓	✗	✓	✓
Flux.jl/Zygote.jl	✗	✓	✓	✓

\*as of July 2019

# Differentiable Scientific Programming

- Most linear algebra operations ([Eigen](#), [SVD!](#)) are [differentiable](#)
- ODE integrators are differentiable with  [\$O\(1\)\$  memory](#)
- [Differentiable ray tracer](#) and [Differentiable fluid simulations](#)
- Differentiable Monte Carlo/Tensor Network/Functional RG/  
Dynamical Mean Field Theory/Density Functional Theory/  
Hartree-Fock/Coupled Cluster/Gutzwiller/ Molecular Dynamics...

**Differentiable programming is more than training neural networks**

# Differentiable Eigensolver

$$H\Psi = \Psi\Lambda$$

**Forward mode:** What happen if  $H \rightarrow H + dH$  ?      Perturbation theory

**Reverse mode:** How should I change  $H$  given  
 $\partial\mathcal{L}/\partial\Psi$  and  $\partial\mathcal{L}/\partial\Lambda$  ?      Inverse  
perturbation theory!

Hamiltonian engineering via differentiable programming

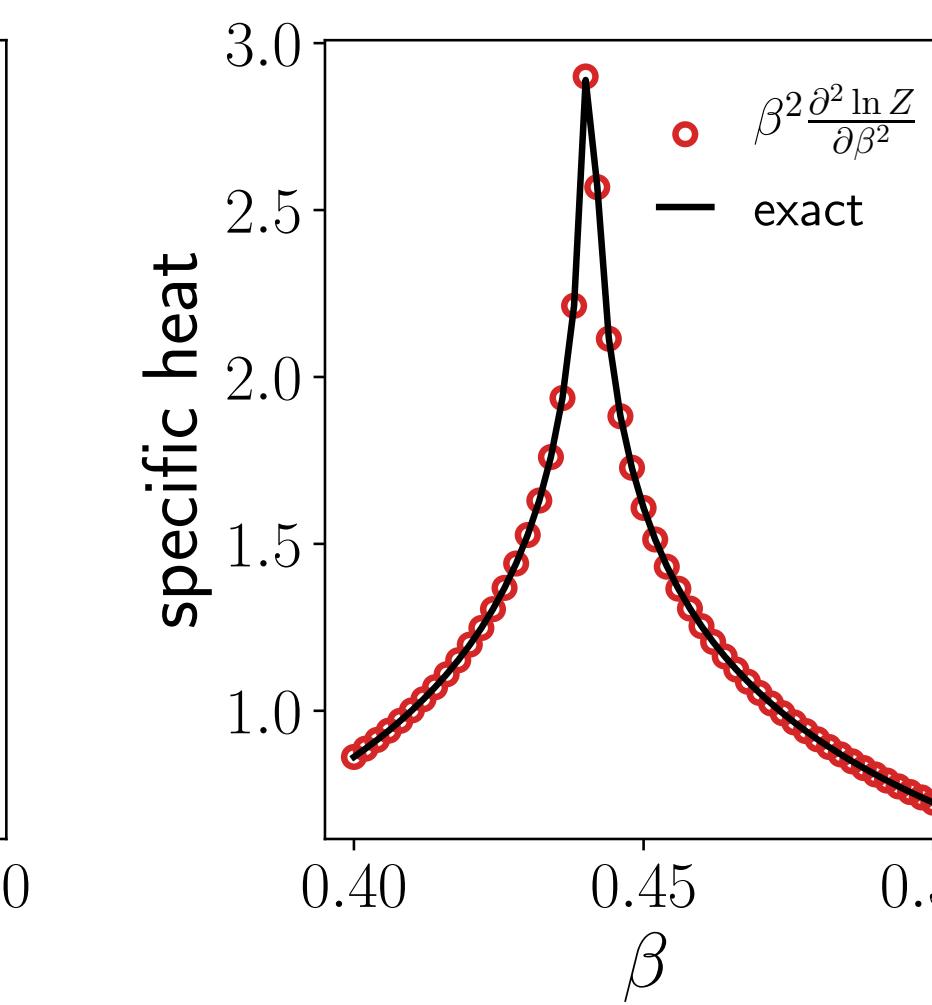
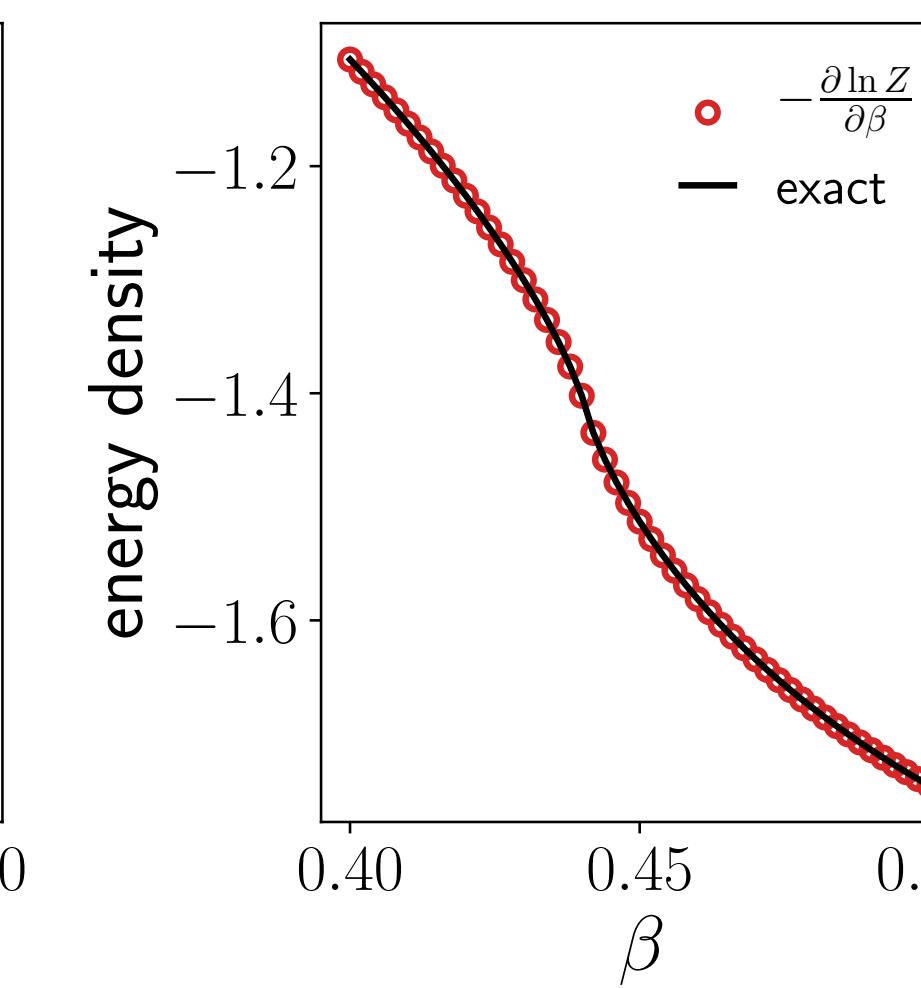
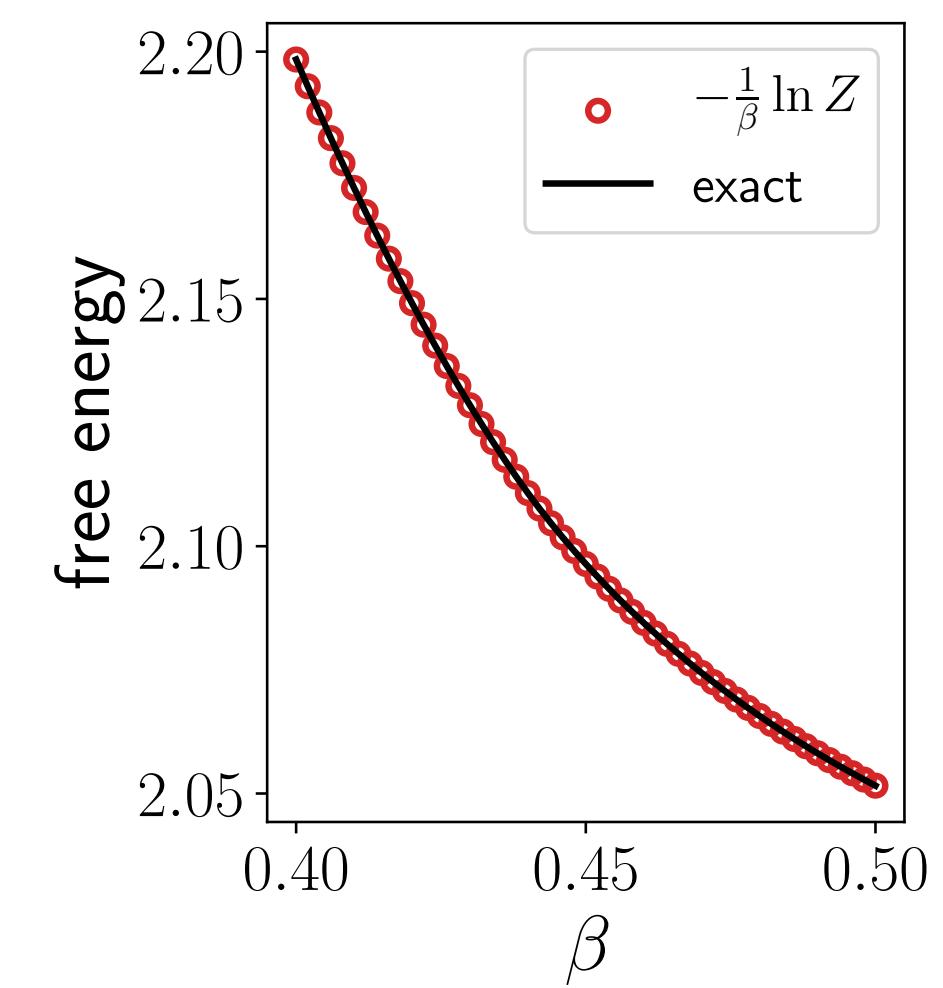
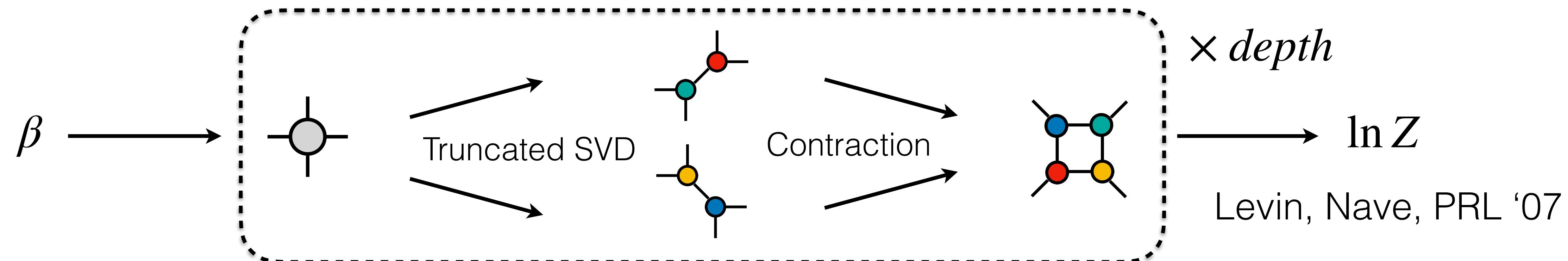


<https://github.com/wangleiphy/DL4CSRC/tree/master/2-ising>

See also Fujita et al, PRB '18

# Differentiate through TRG for Ising

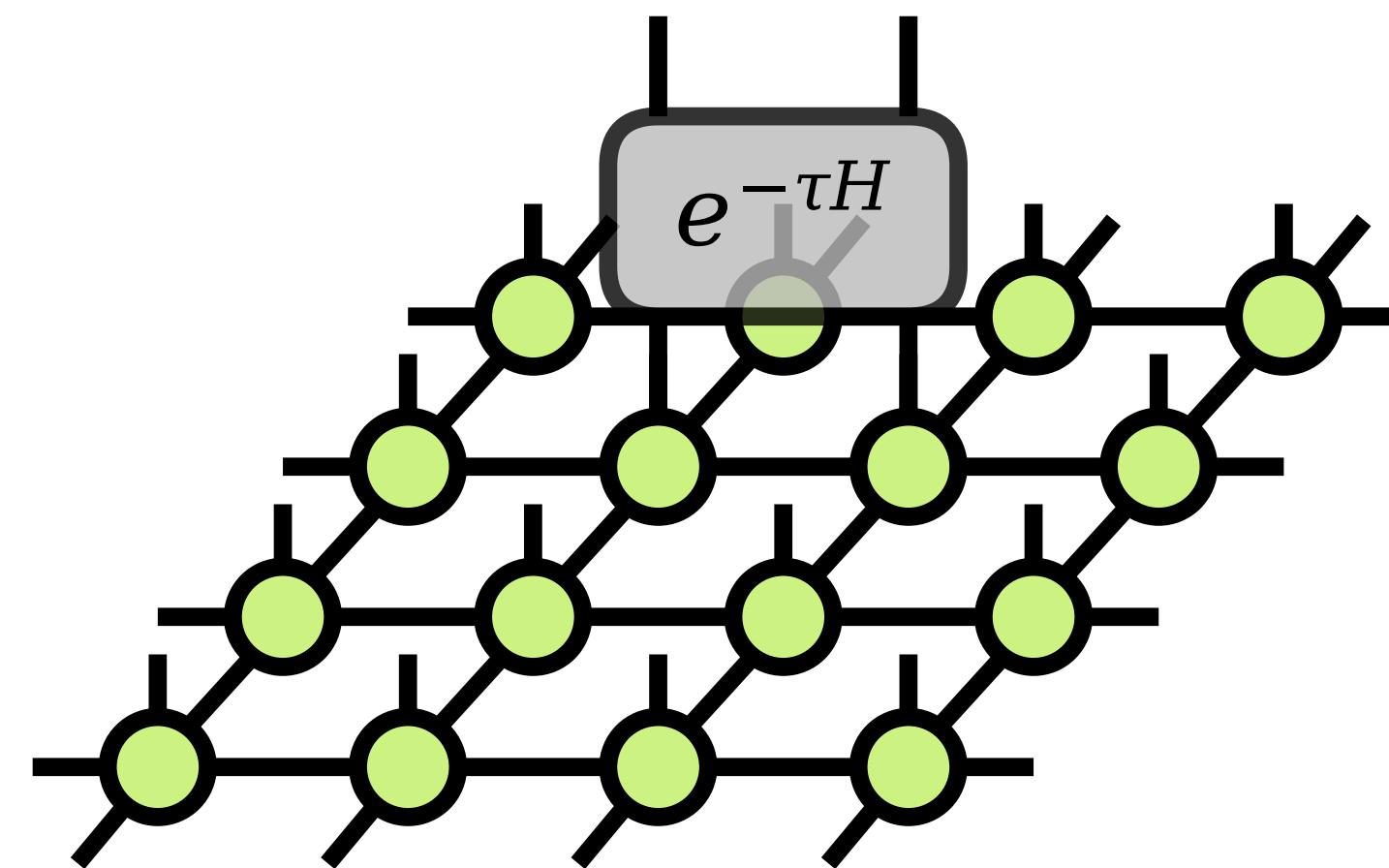
## Computation graph



**AD computes physical observables as high-order gradients**

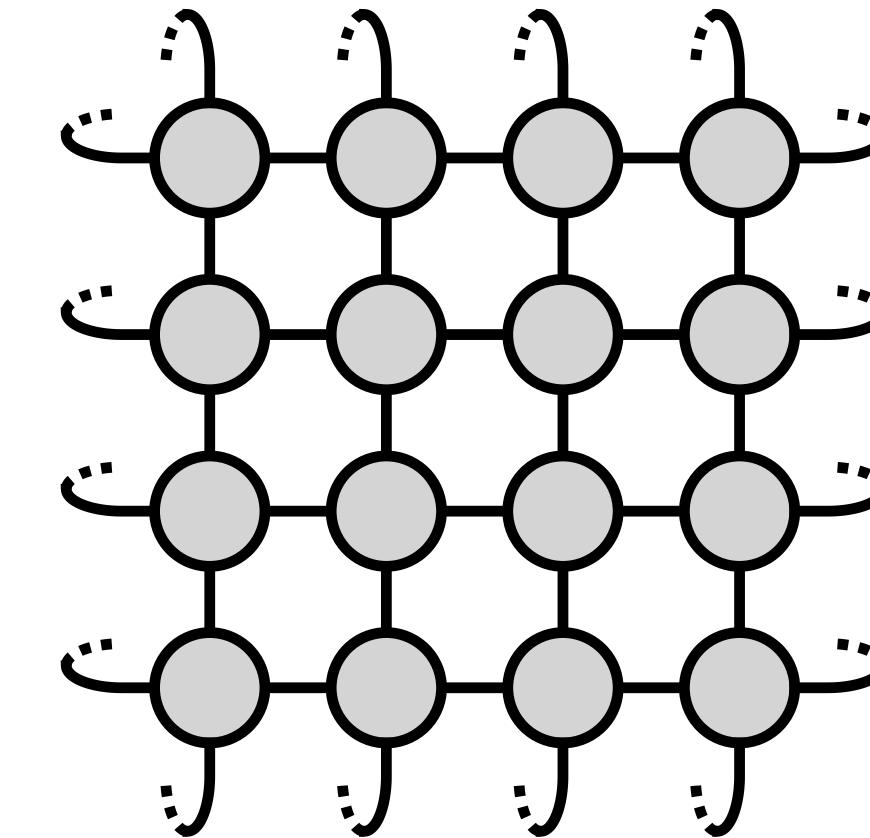
# Tensor network quantum states

## Optimization



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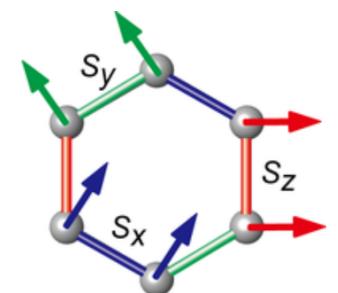
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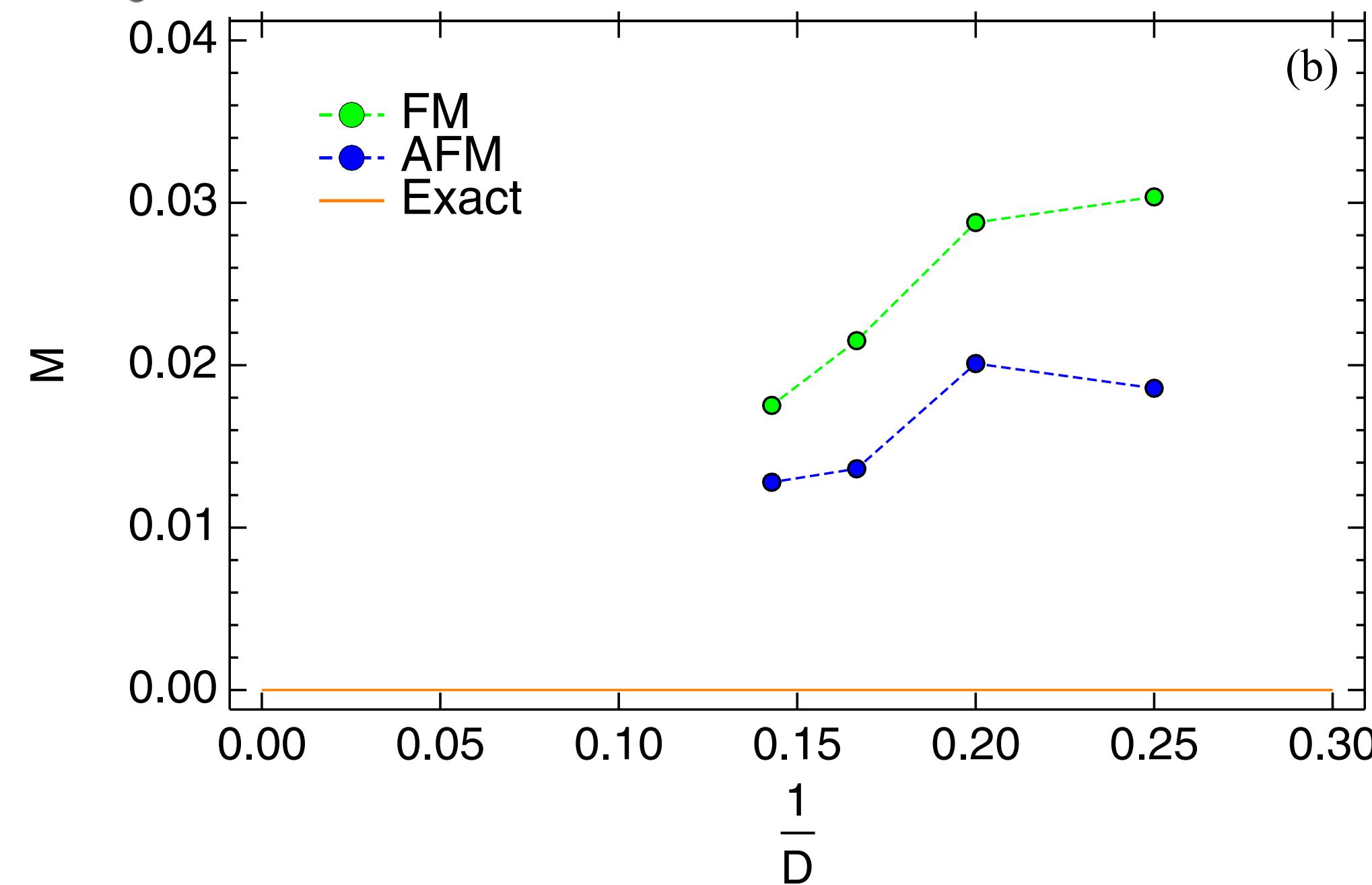
- Trotterized imaginary-time projection
- Update schemes: “simple”, “full” “cluster”, “faster full”...

- #P hard in general
- Approximated schemes:  
TRG, Boundary MPS, Corner transfer matrix RG

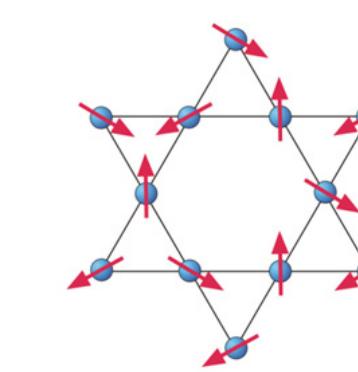
# Expressibility v.s. Optimization: an eternal problem



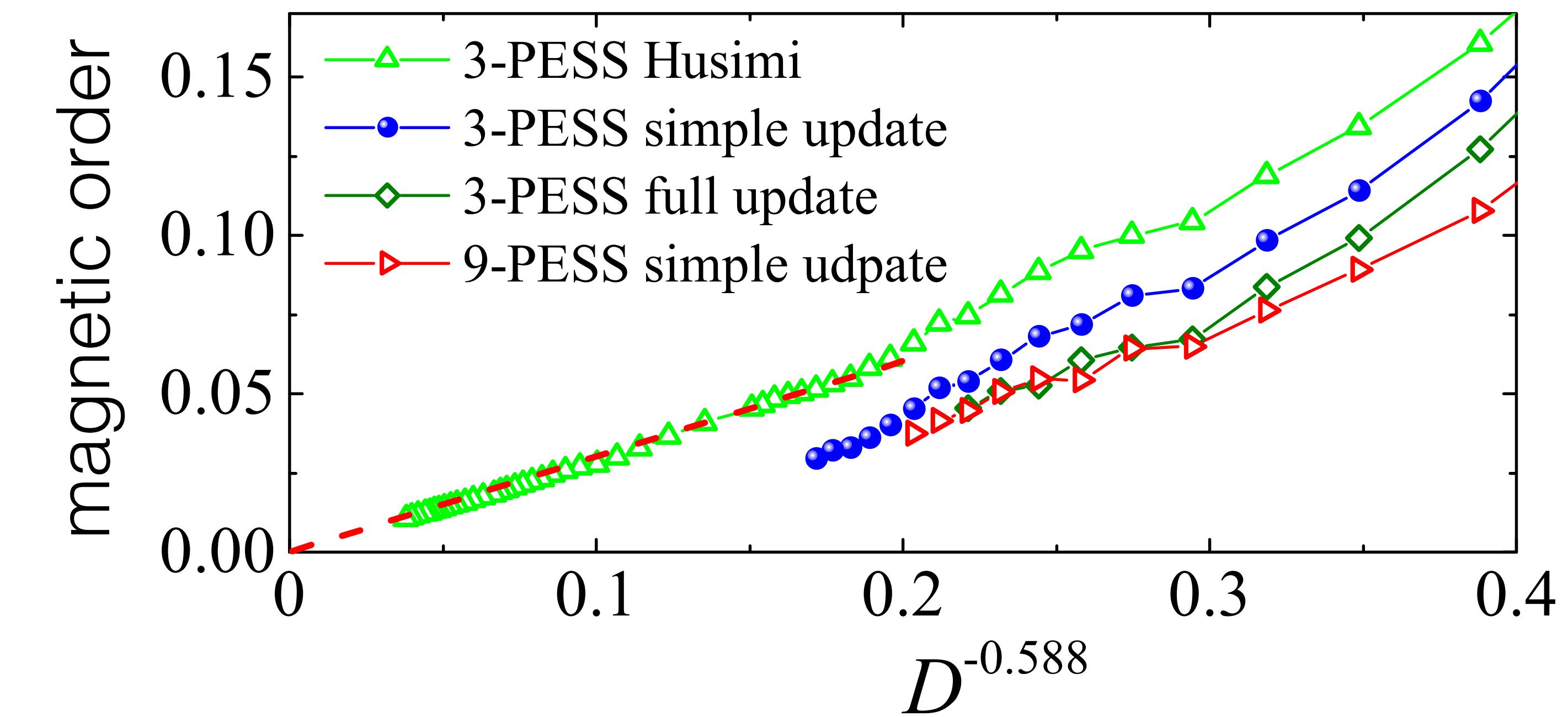
Kitaev Honeycomb model



Osorio, Corboz, Troyer, PRB '14



Kagome Heisenberg model

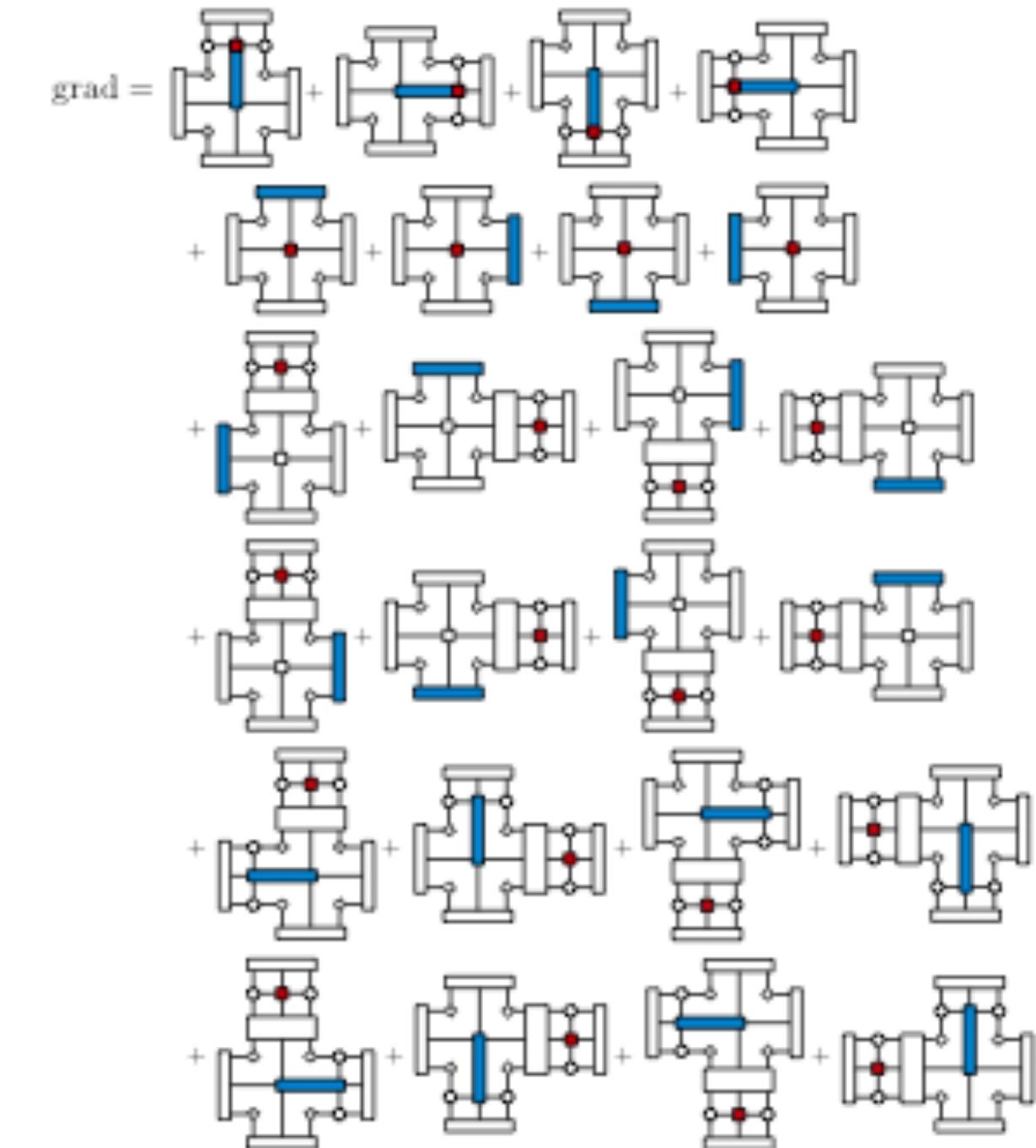
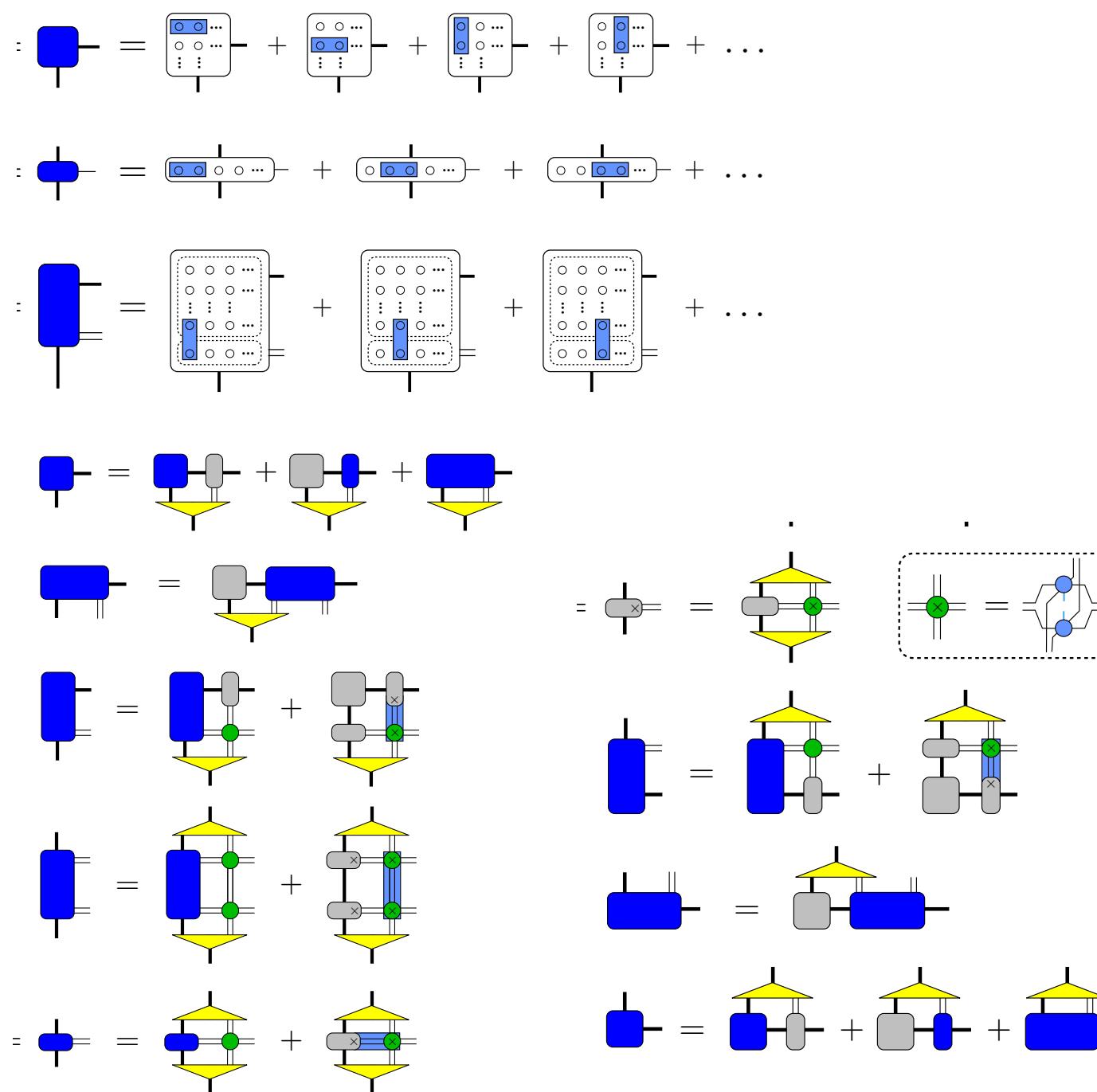
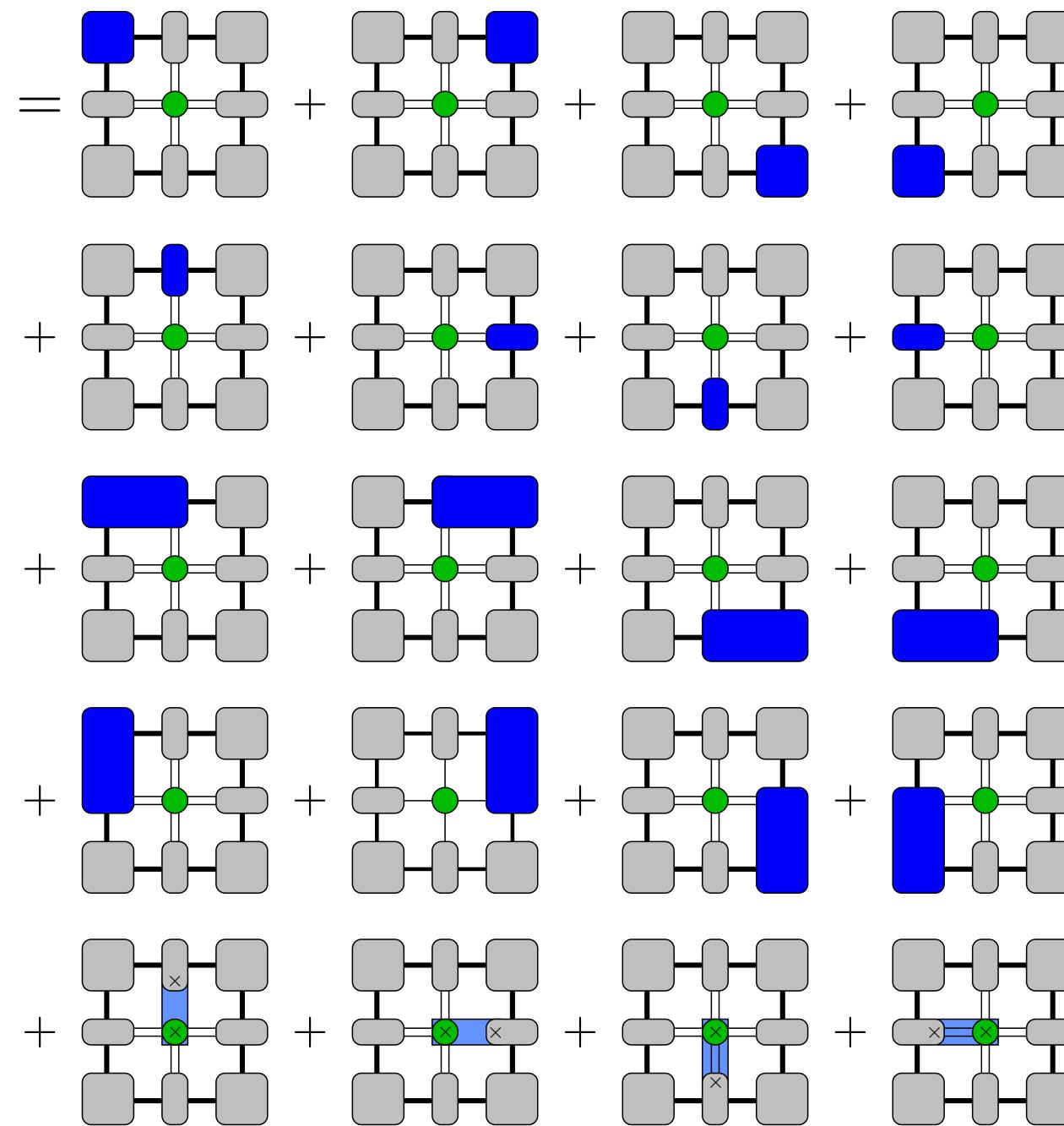


Liao et al, PRL '17

Typically, one finds ordered states at small  $D$   
and tries hard to push up the bond dimensions

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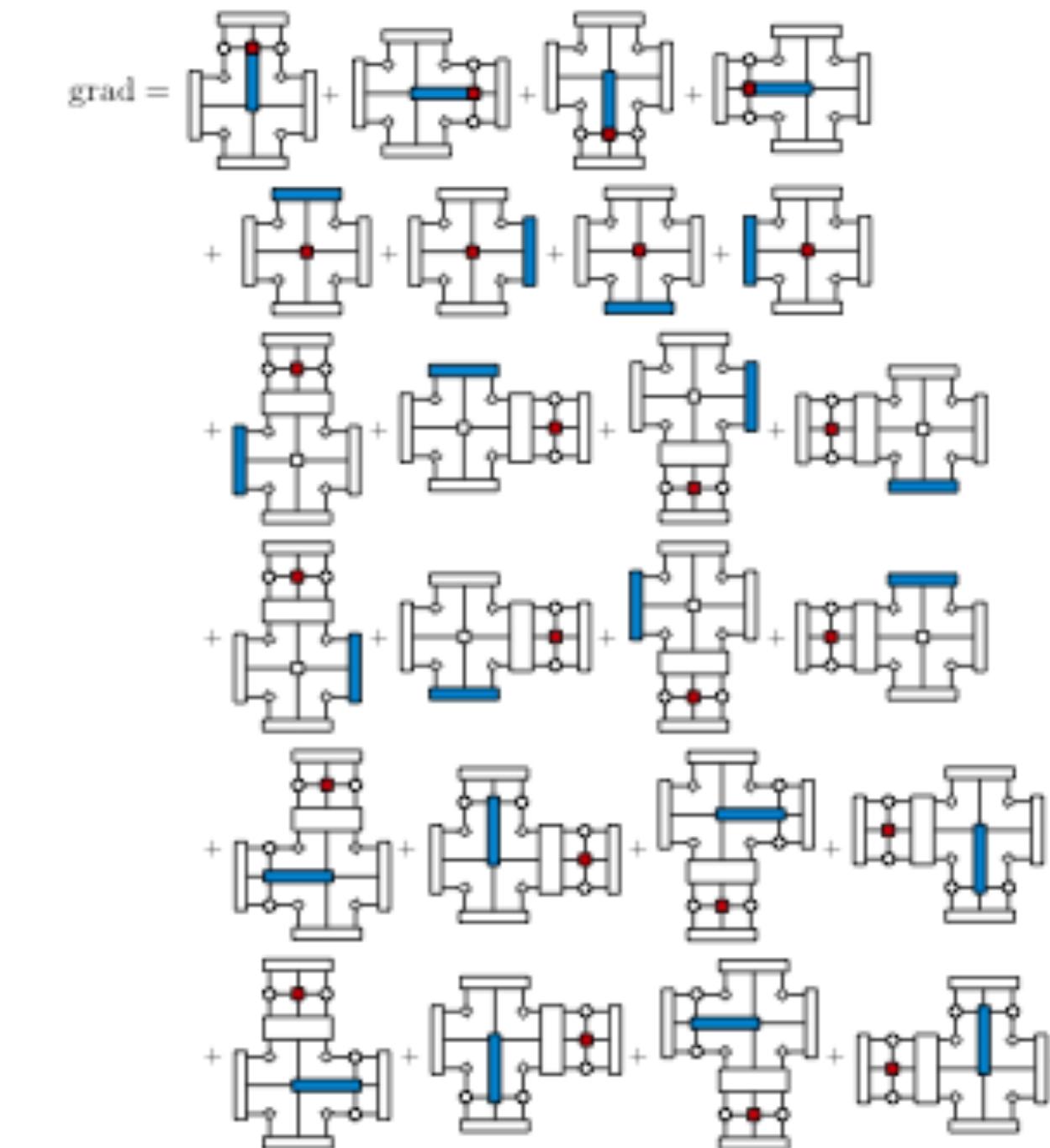
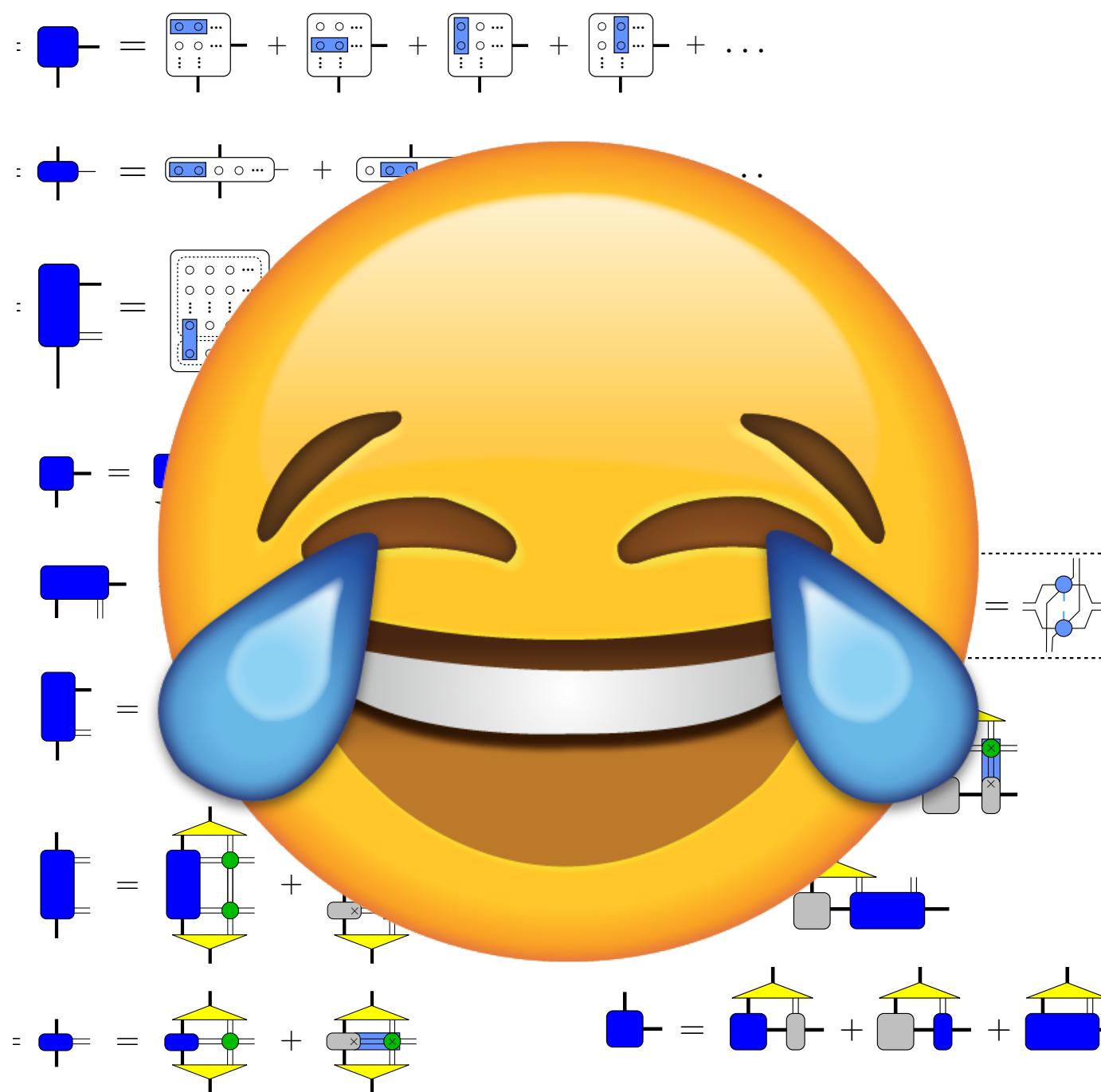
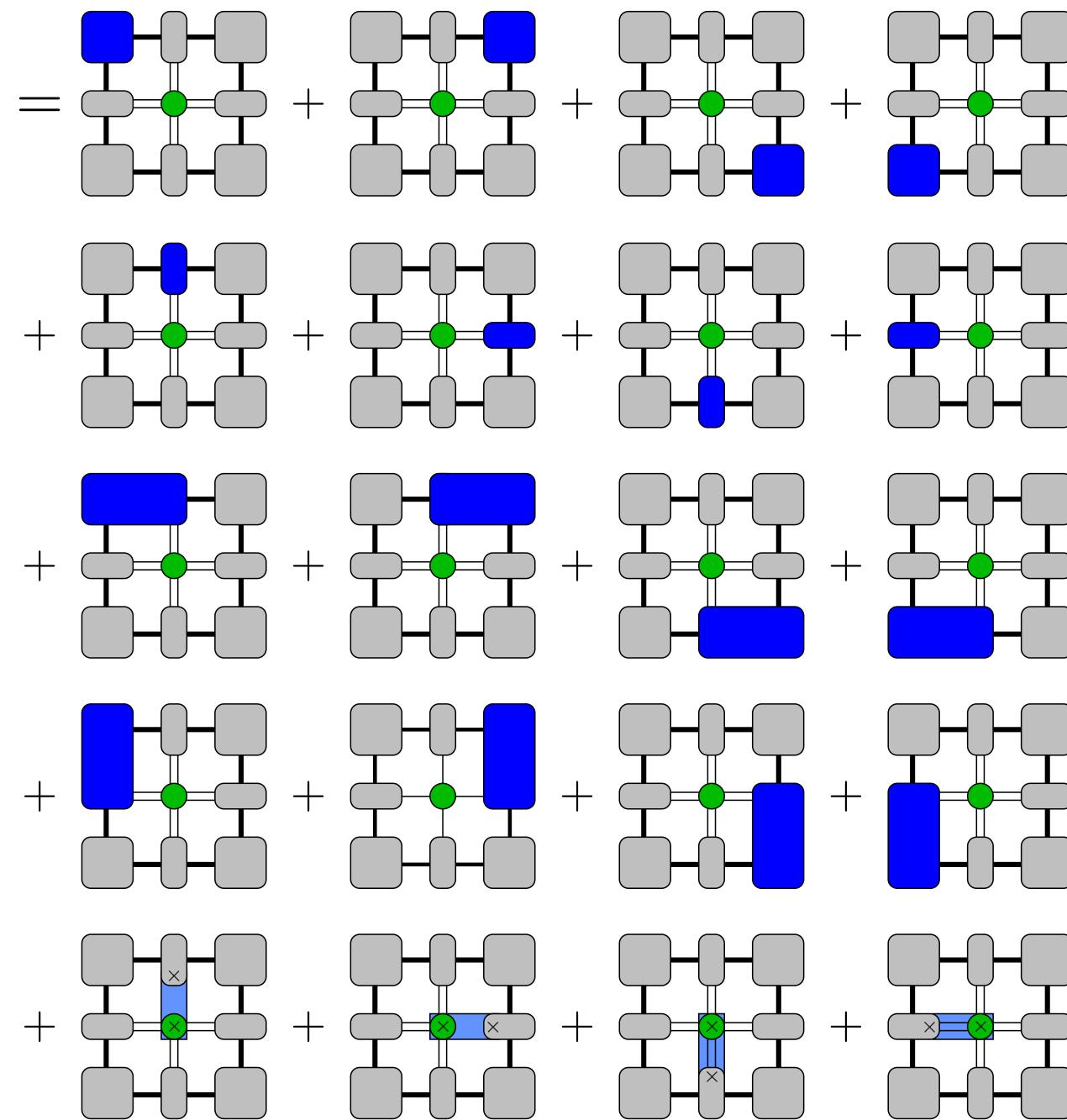
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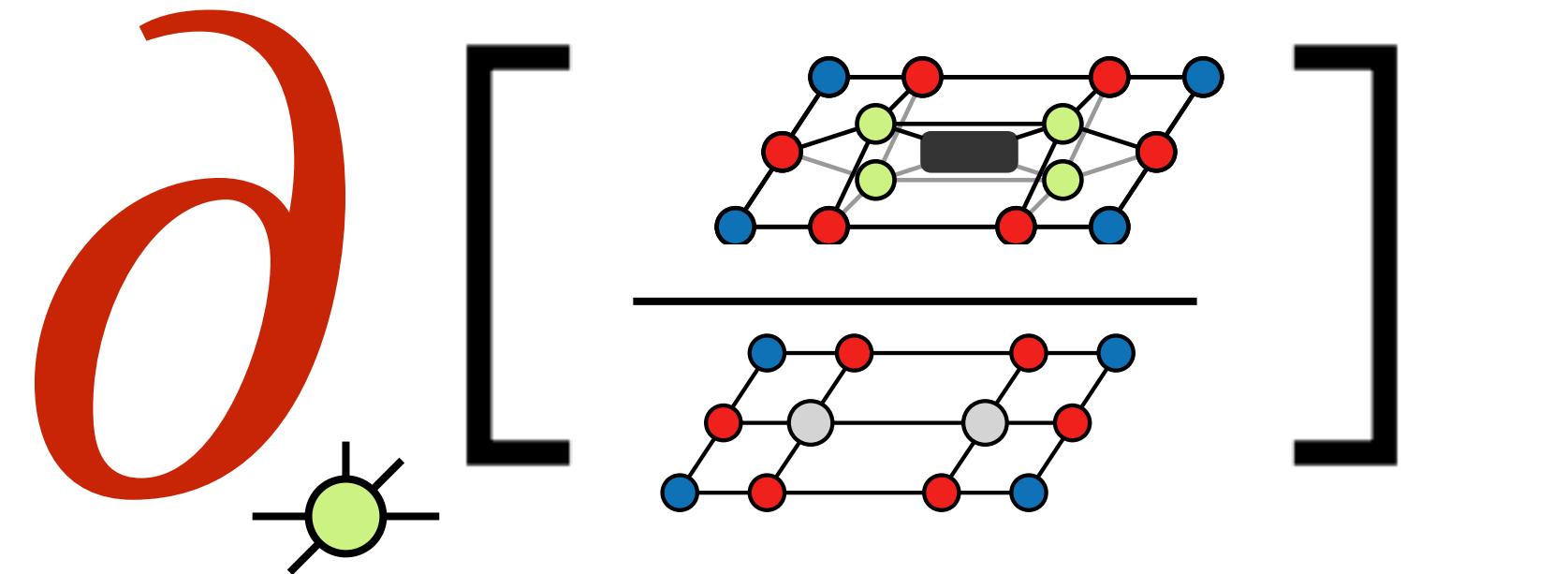
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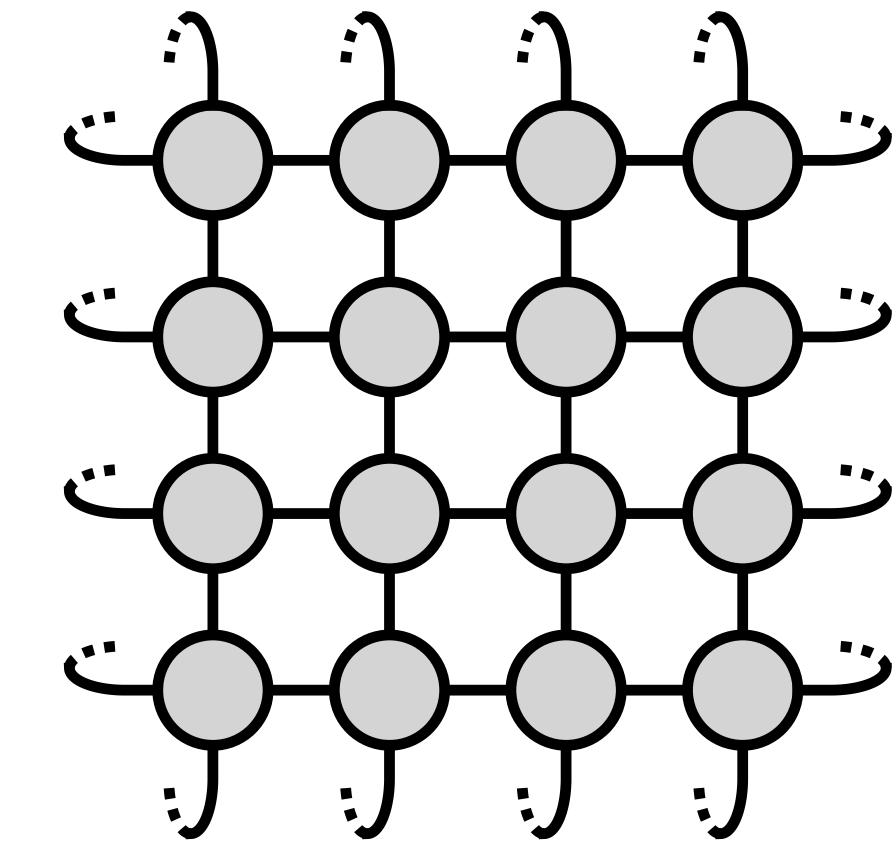
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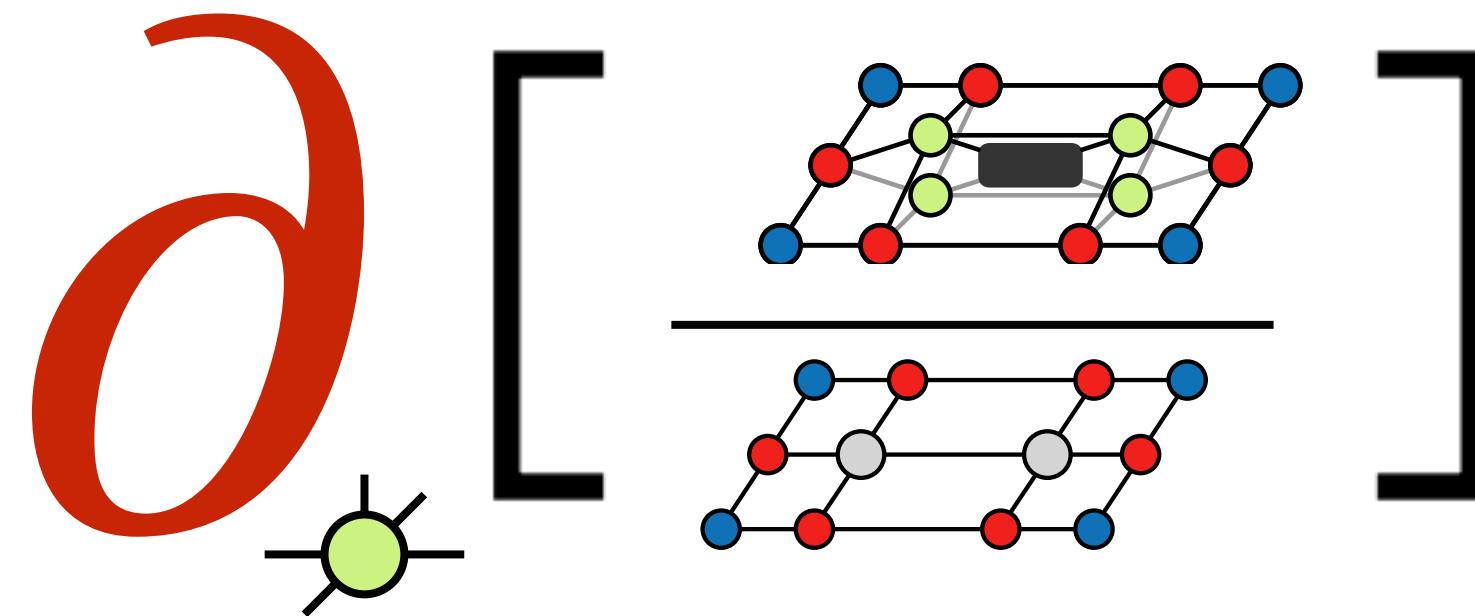


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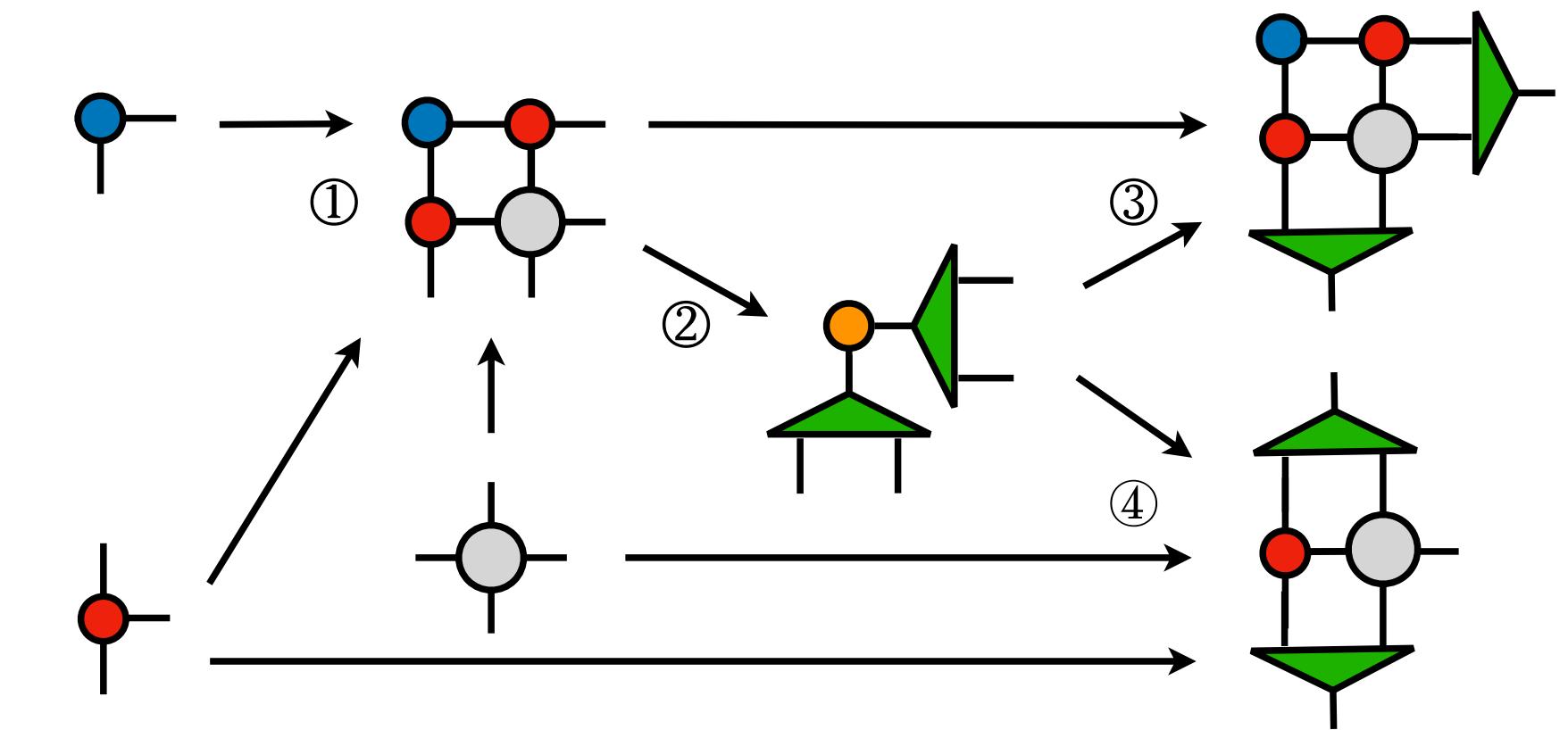
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CTMRG, Nishino, Okunishi, JPSJ, '95

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# Nuts and Bolts

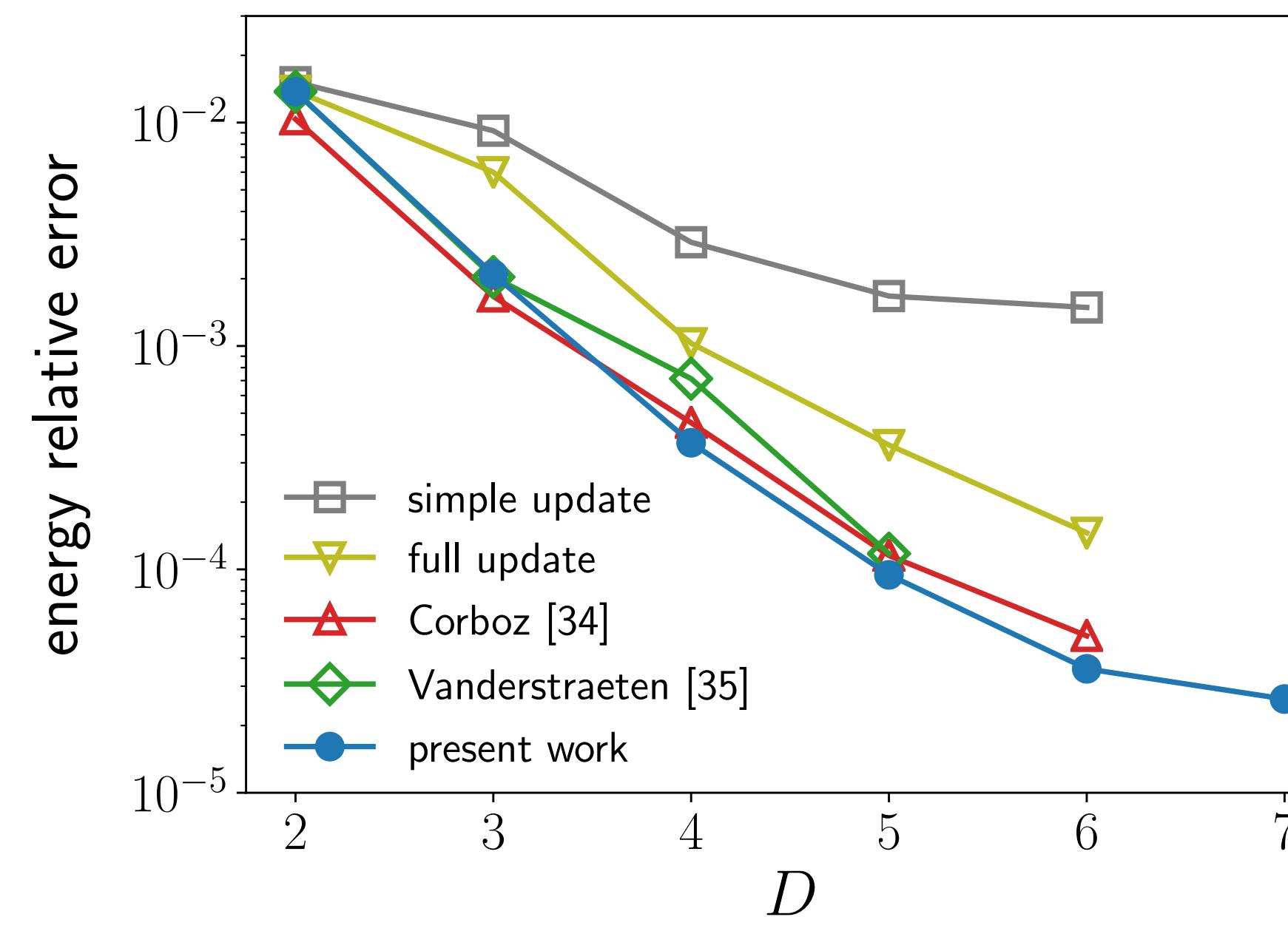
- Numerical stable backward through SVD

$$A = UDV^T \quad \bar{A} \xleftarrow[?]{\cdot} \bar{U}, \bar{D}, \bar{V}$$

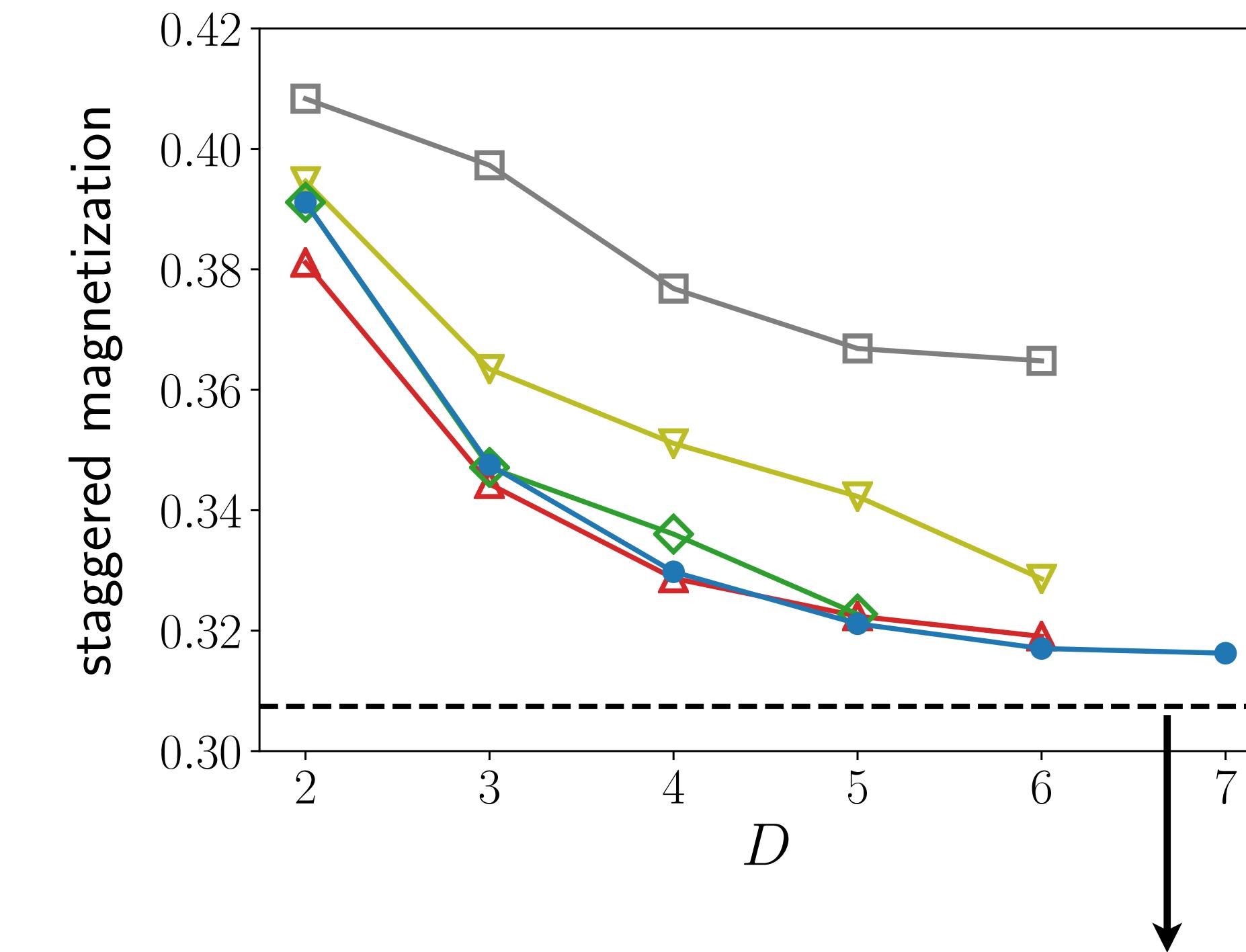
- Reduce memory via **checkpointing** or exploiting RG fixed point property

$$T_{i+1} = f(T_i, \theta) \xrightarrow{\text{Iterate}} T^* = f(T^*, \theta) \quad \bar{\theta} = \bar{T}^* \left[ 1 - \frac{\partial f}{\partial T^*} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$$

# Square lattice Heisenberg model



Liao, Liu, LW, Xiang, 1903.09650

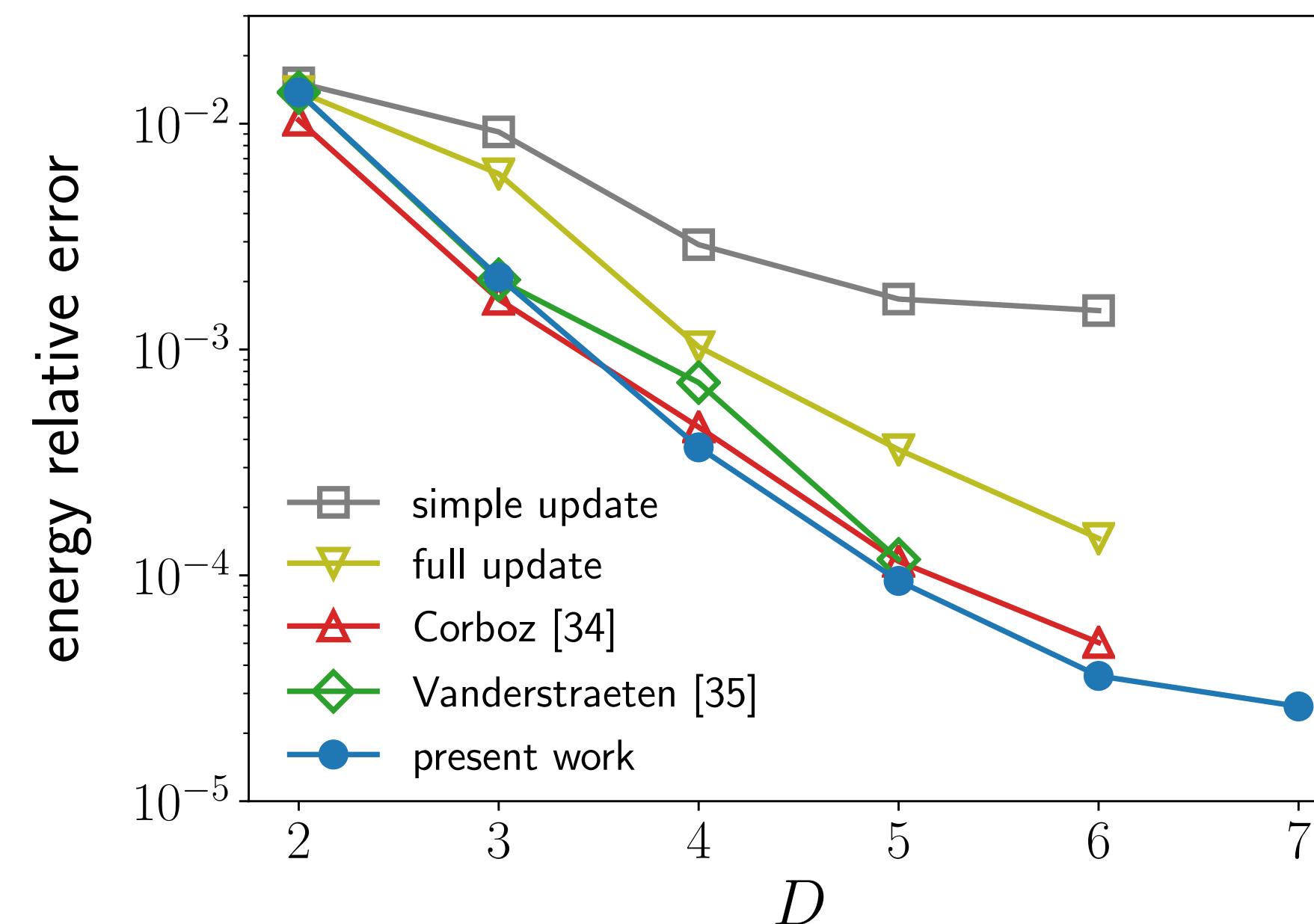


Extrapolated QMC, Sandvik '10

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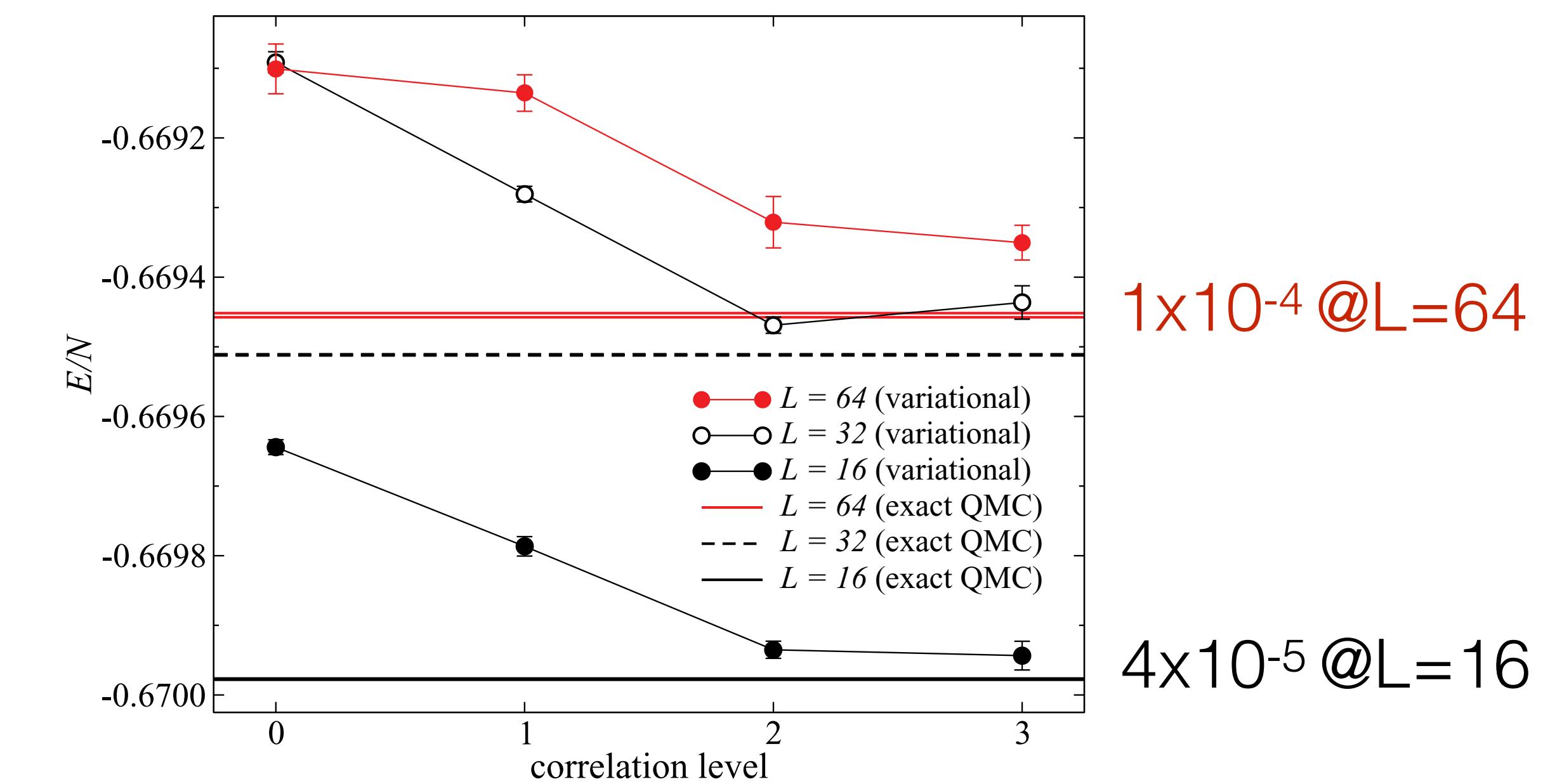
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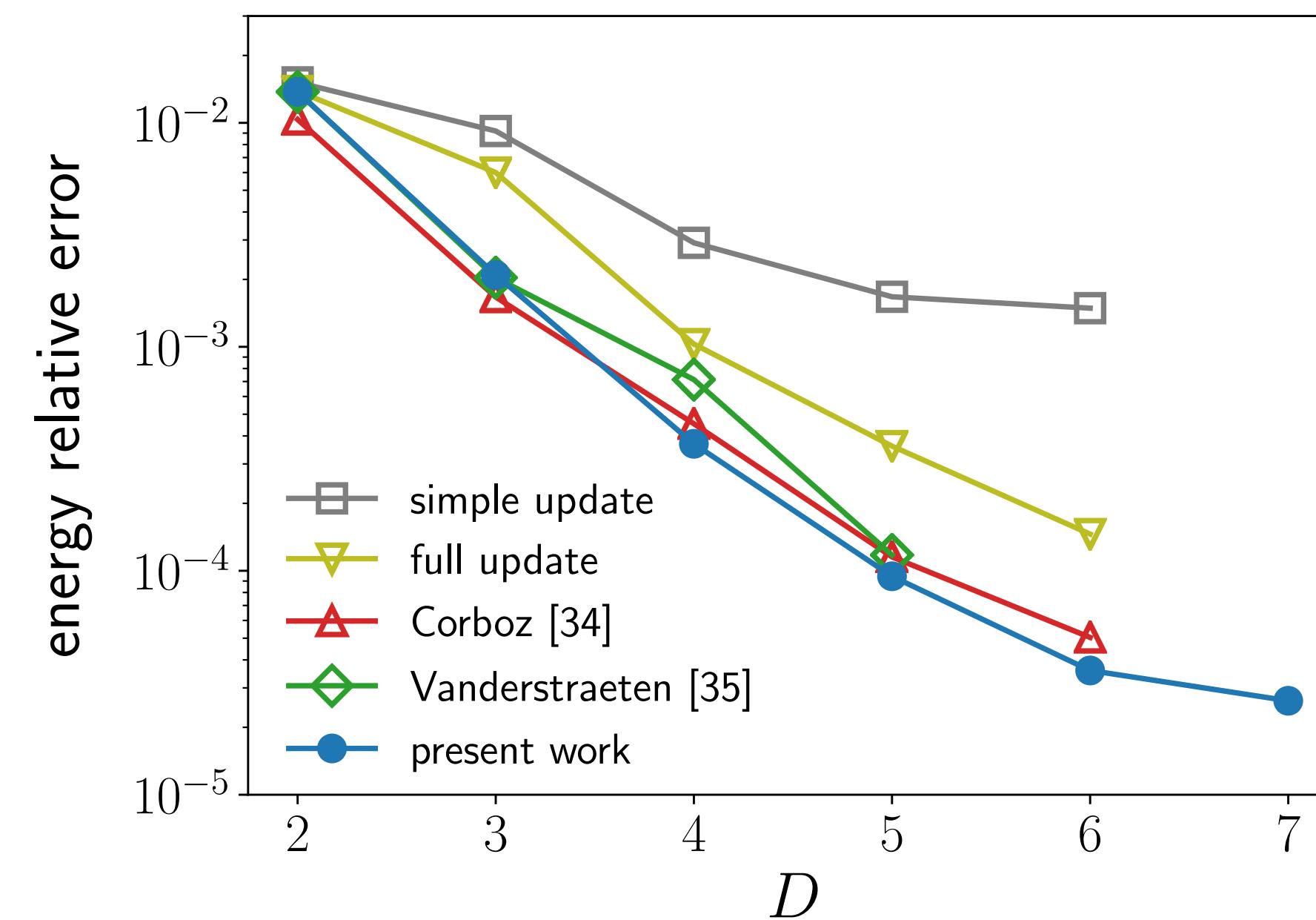
VMC of an RVB-type state



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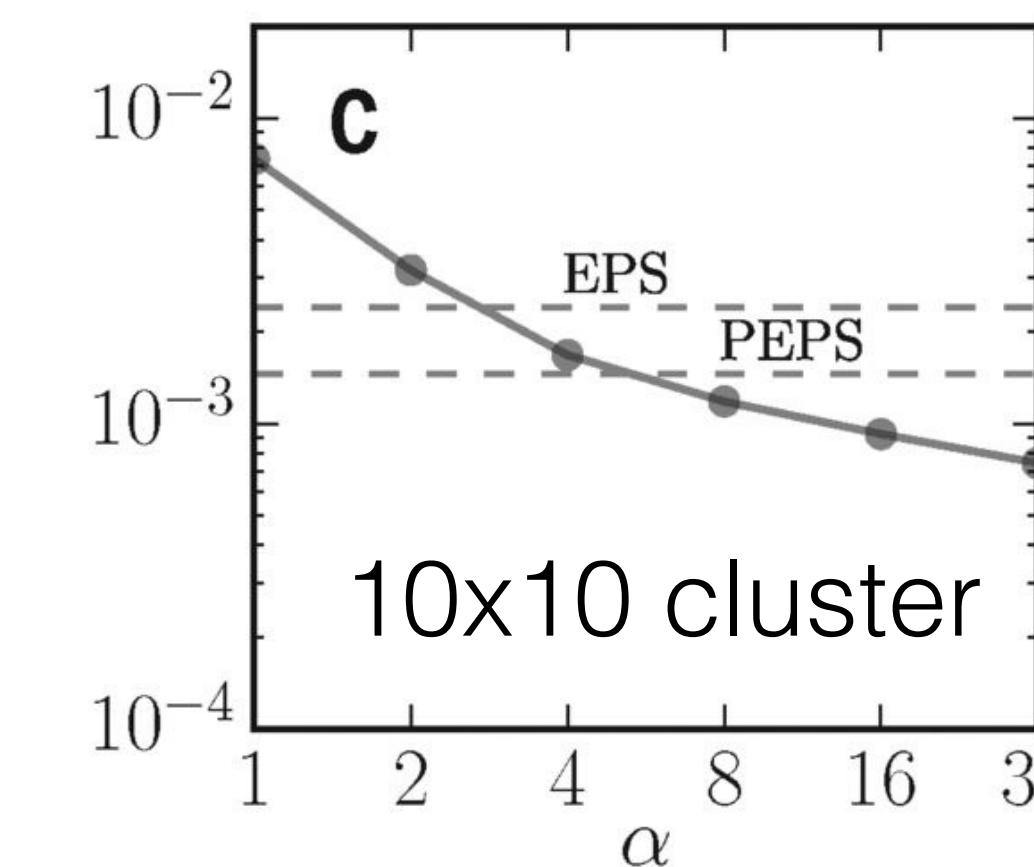
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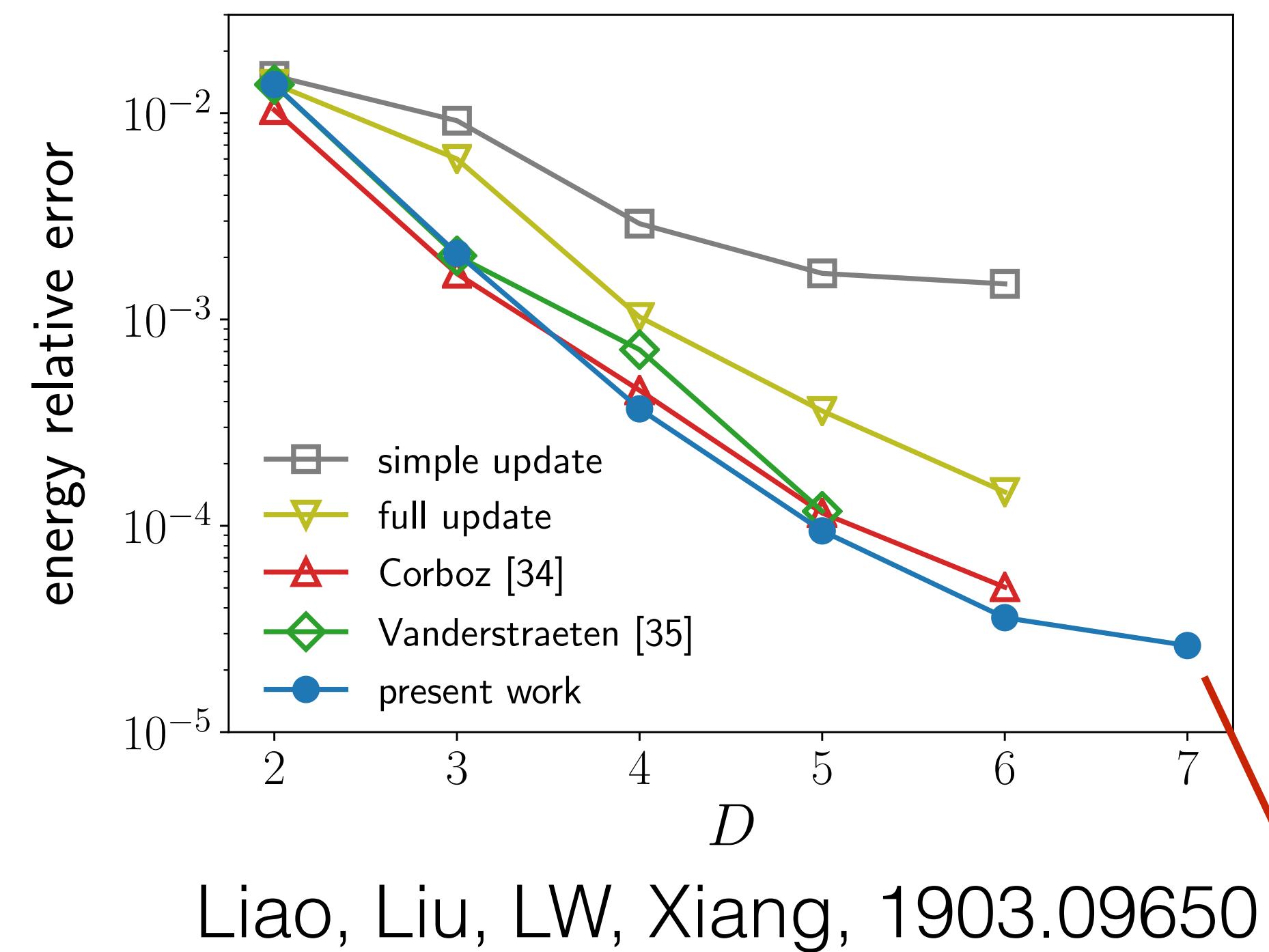


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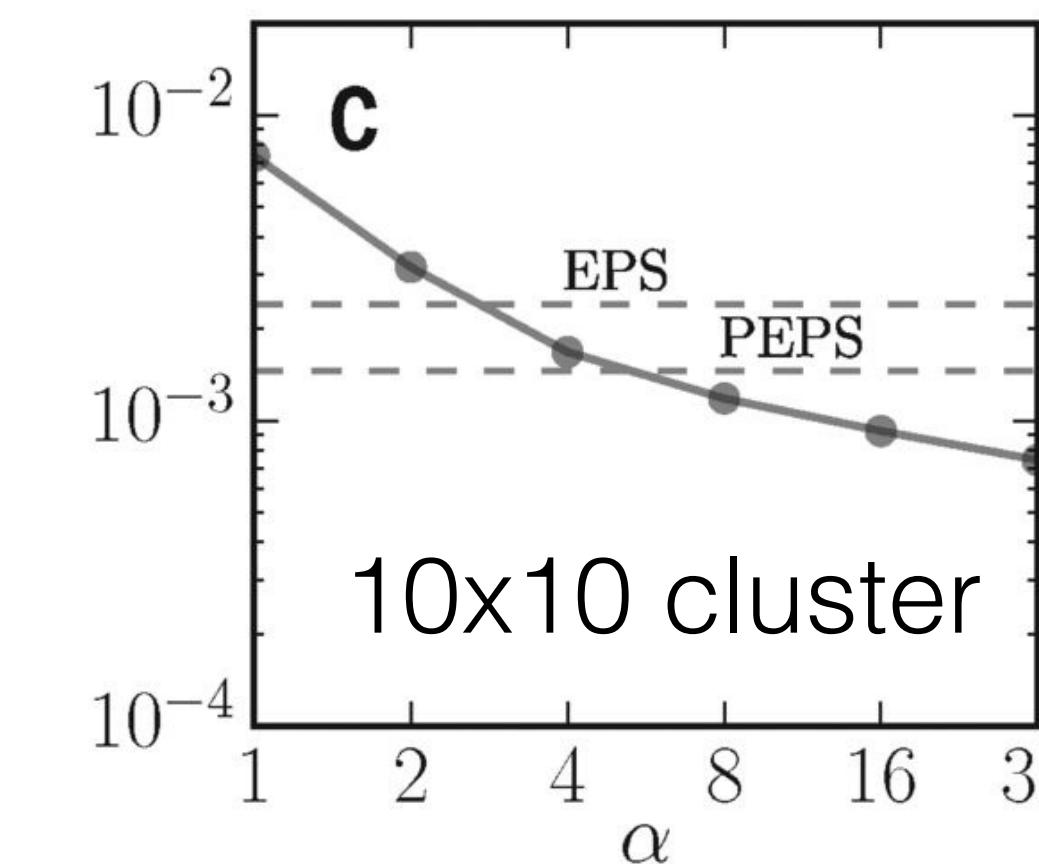
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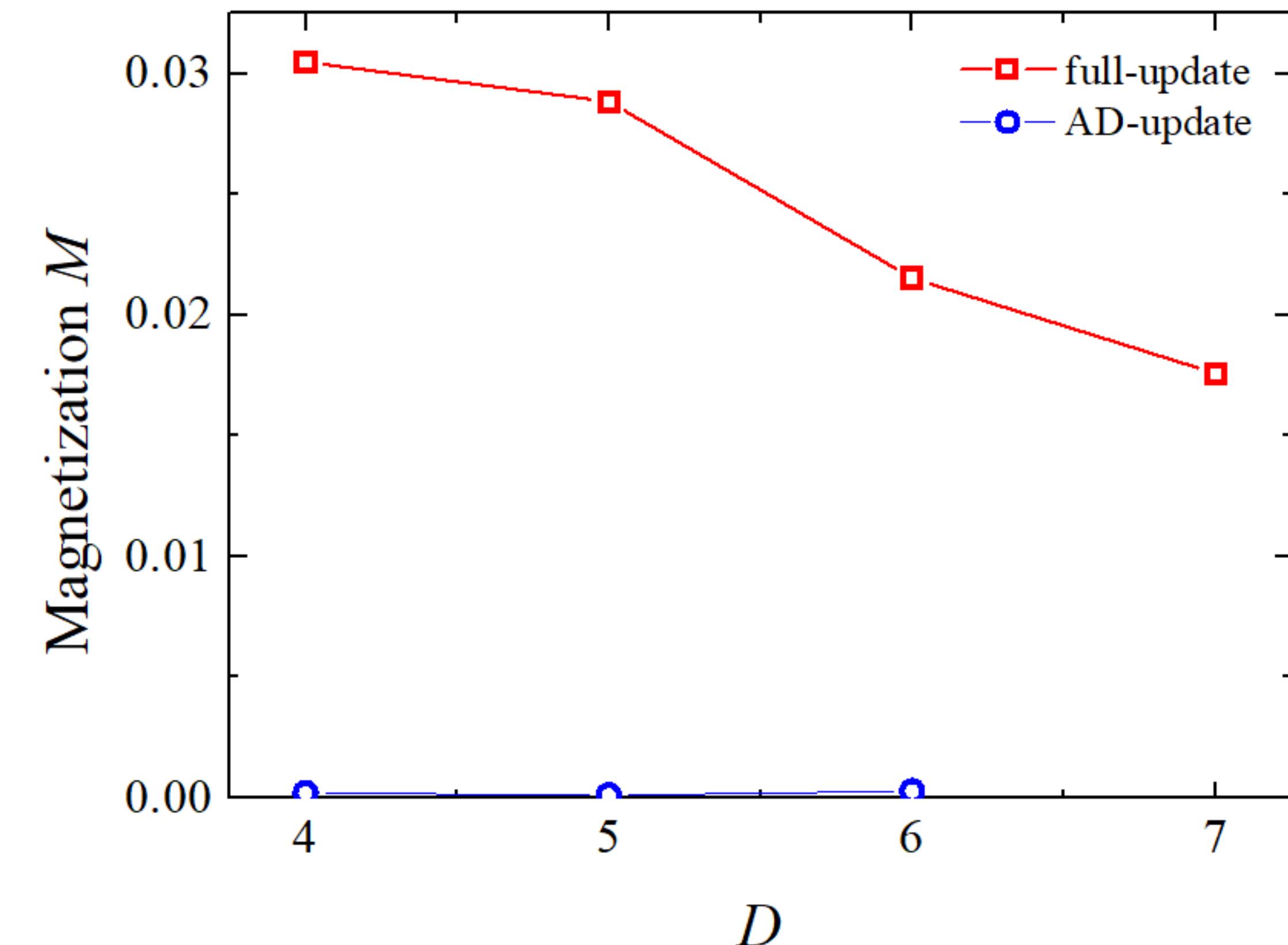
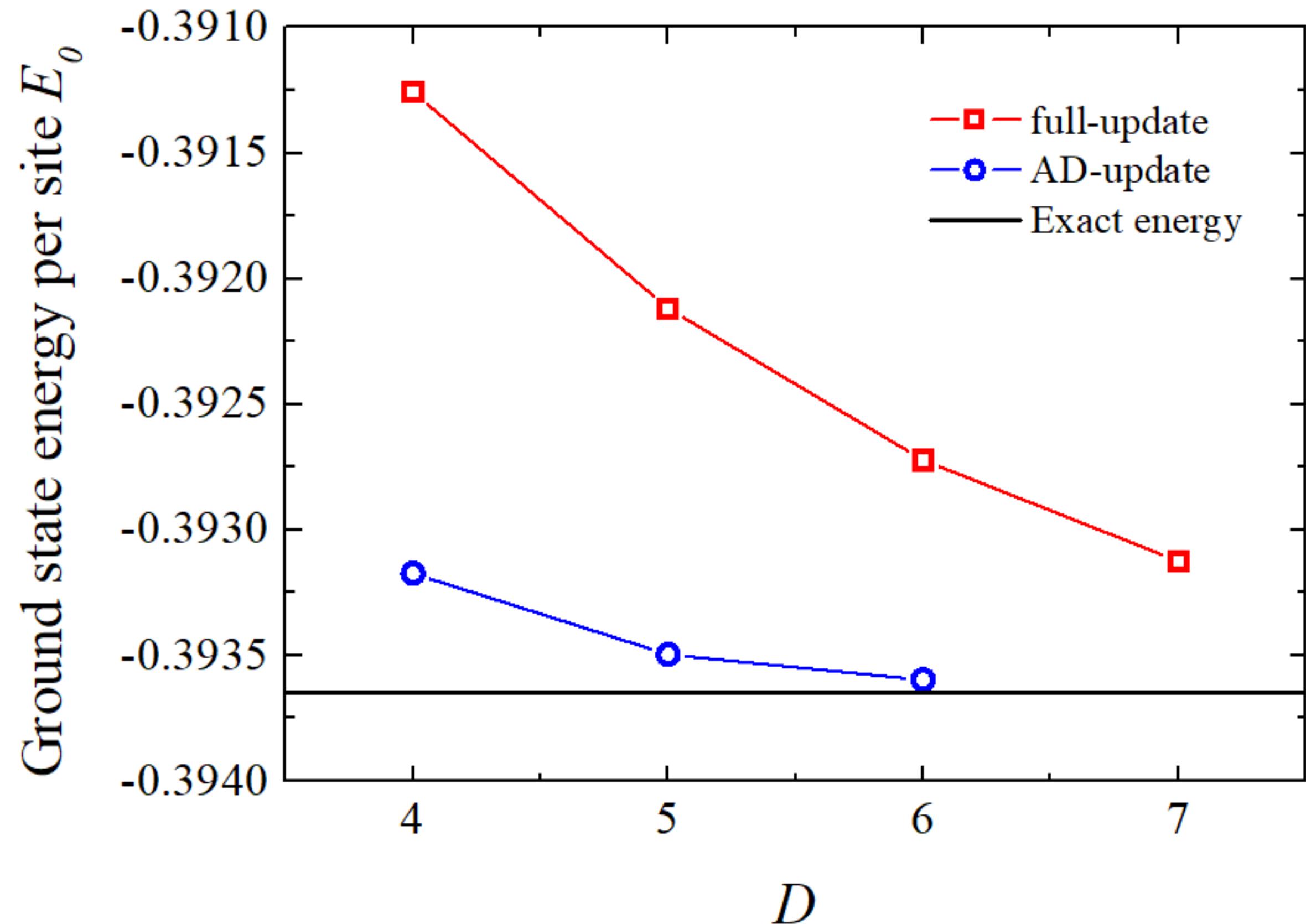


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**Lowest variational energy for infinite system**

<https://github.com/wangleiphy/tensorgrad> 1 GPU (Nvidia P100) week

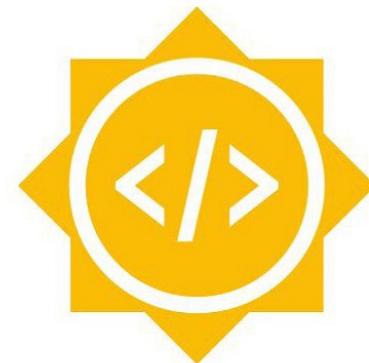
# Kitaev honeycomb model



**Reaches lower energy even at smaller bond dimensions  
with substantially reduced magnetic order**

# The morals

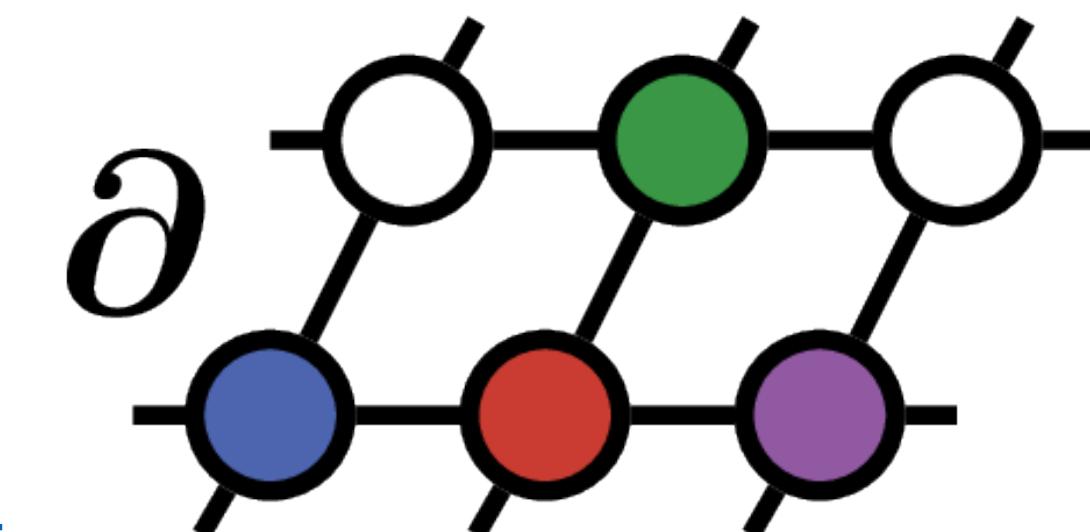
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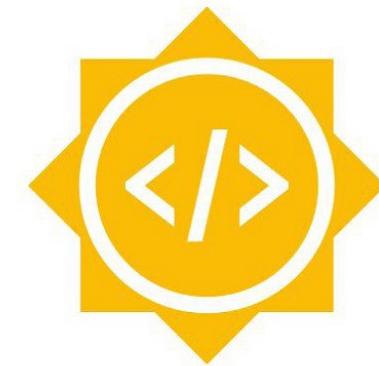
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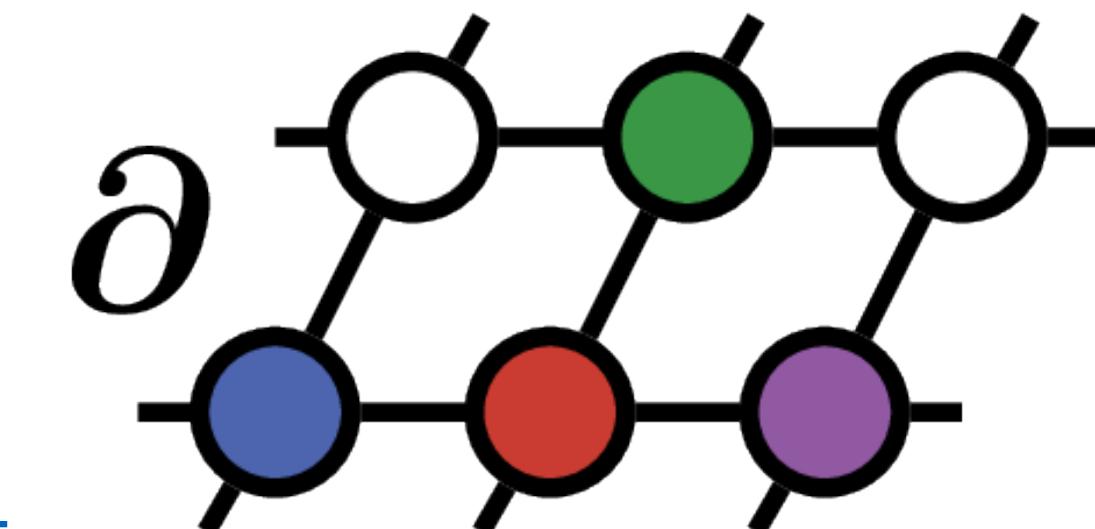
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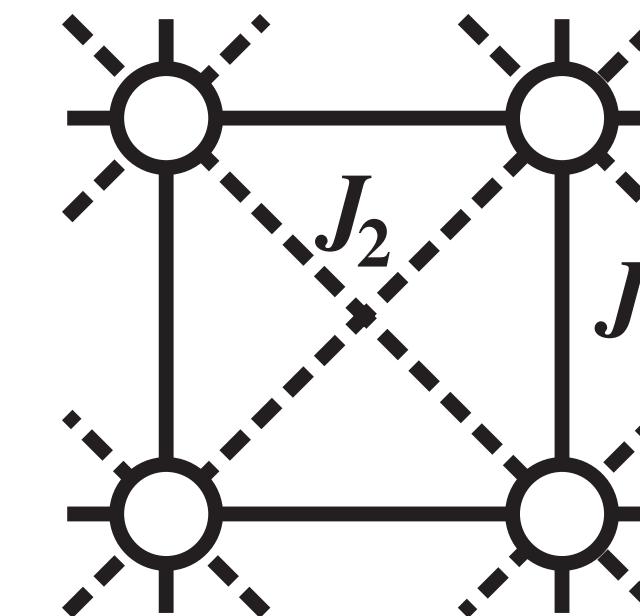
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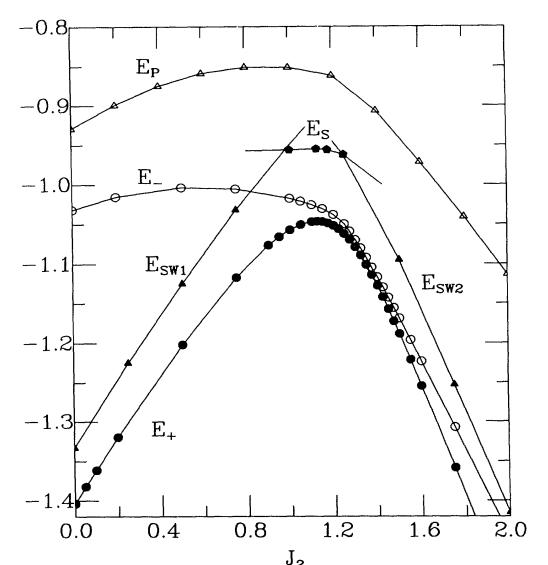


- BTW, the difficulty of optimizing neural network quantum states with VMC: stochastic optimization with **correlated samples** and **poor gradient estimator** (potentially can also be fixed by ML).

# Ground state phase diagram of the J1-J2 model



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Exact Diagonalization  
Diagotto et al  
PRL '89

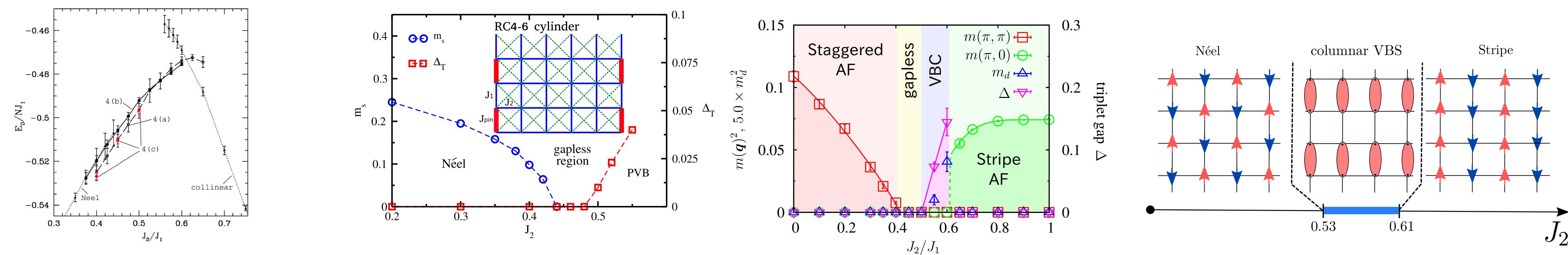
Series Expansion  
Sirker et al  
PRB '06

DMRG  
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Morita et al  
JPSJ '15

iPEPS  
Haghshenas et al  
PRB '19

+ many many others



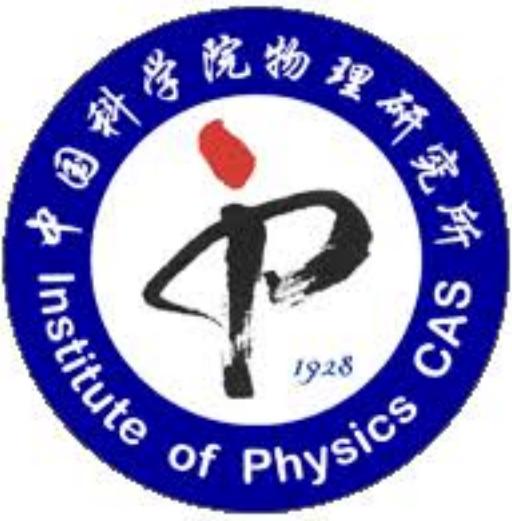
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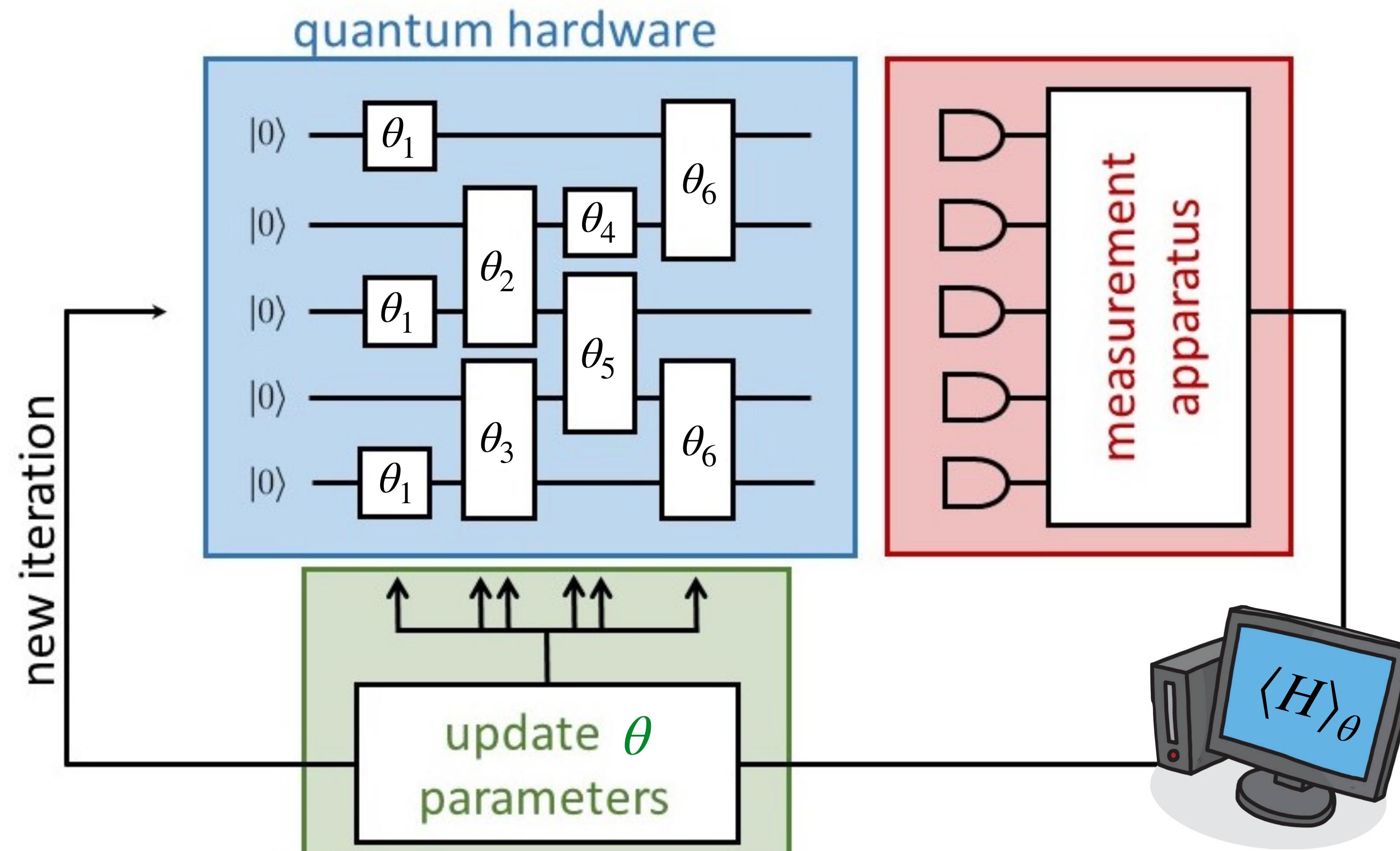
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# *Differentiable Programming Quantum Circuits*

Neural Nets — Probabilistic Graphical Models — Tensor Nets — Quantum Circuits

# Variational quantum eigensolver

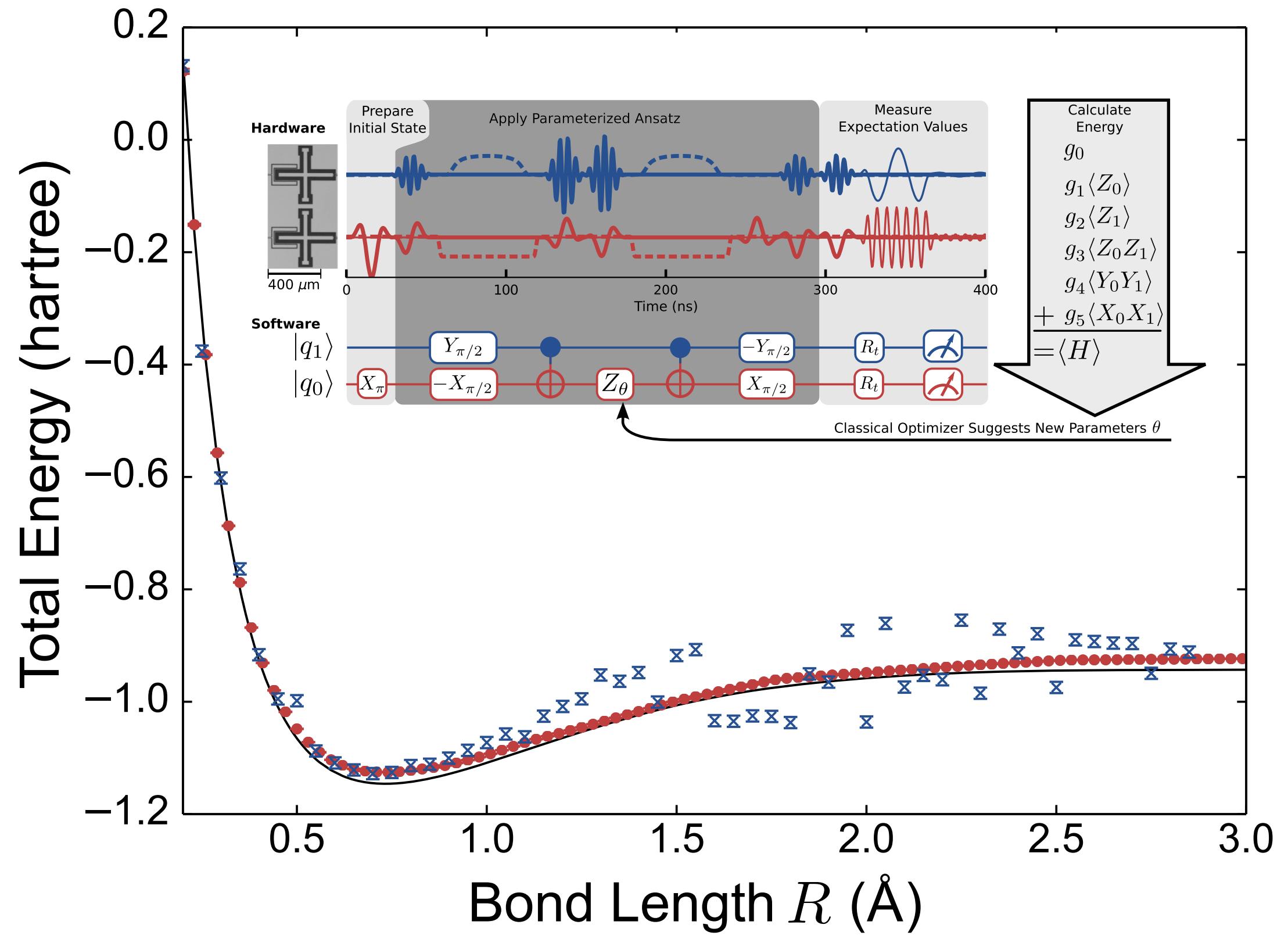


Quantum circuit as a variational ansatz

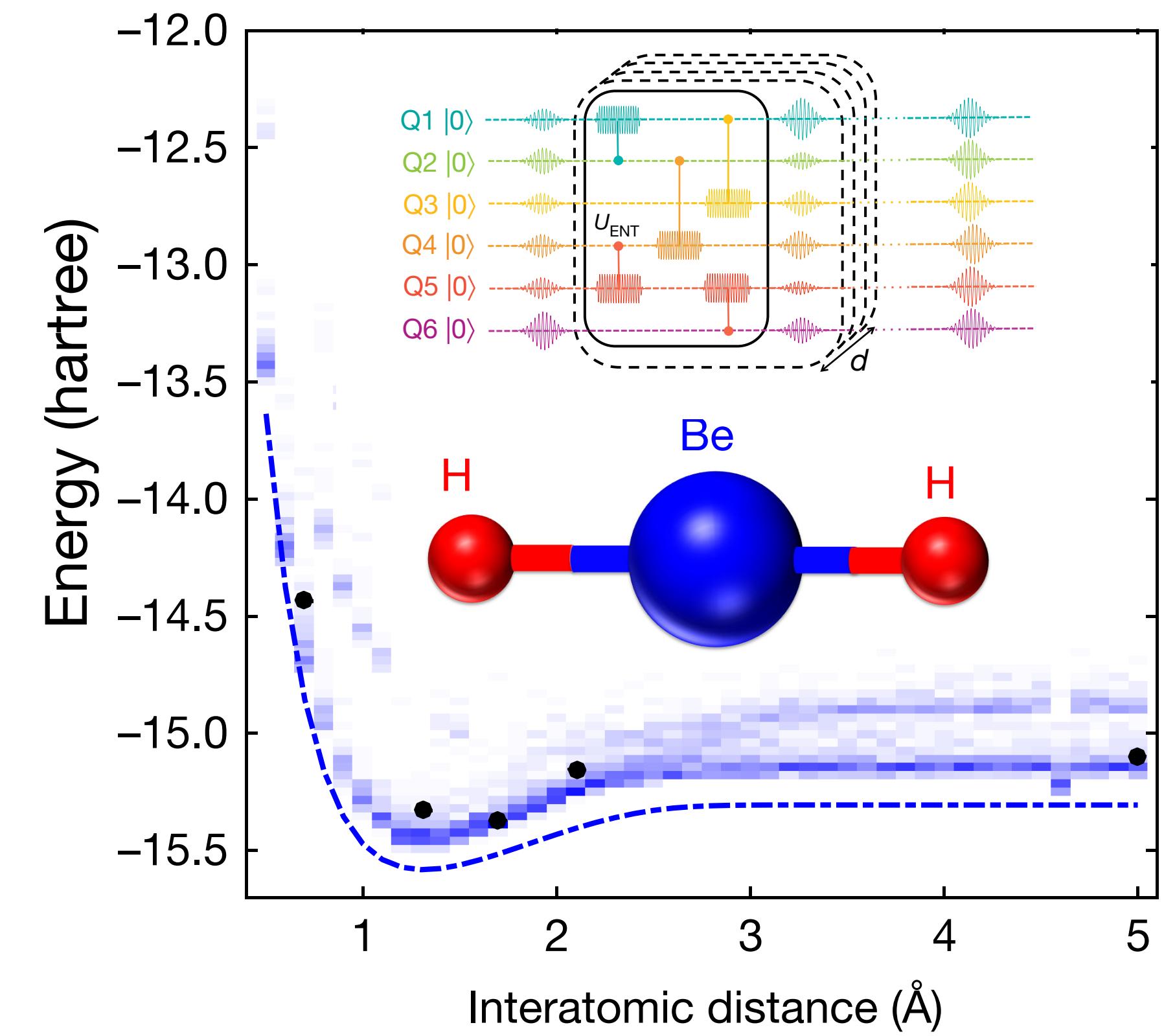
Peruzzo et al,  
Nat. Comm. '13

# VQE on actual quantum devices

H<sub>2</sub> molecule with 2 qubits

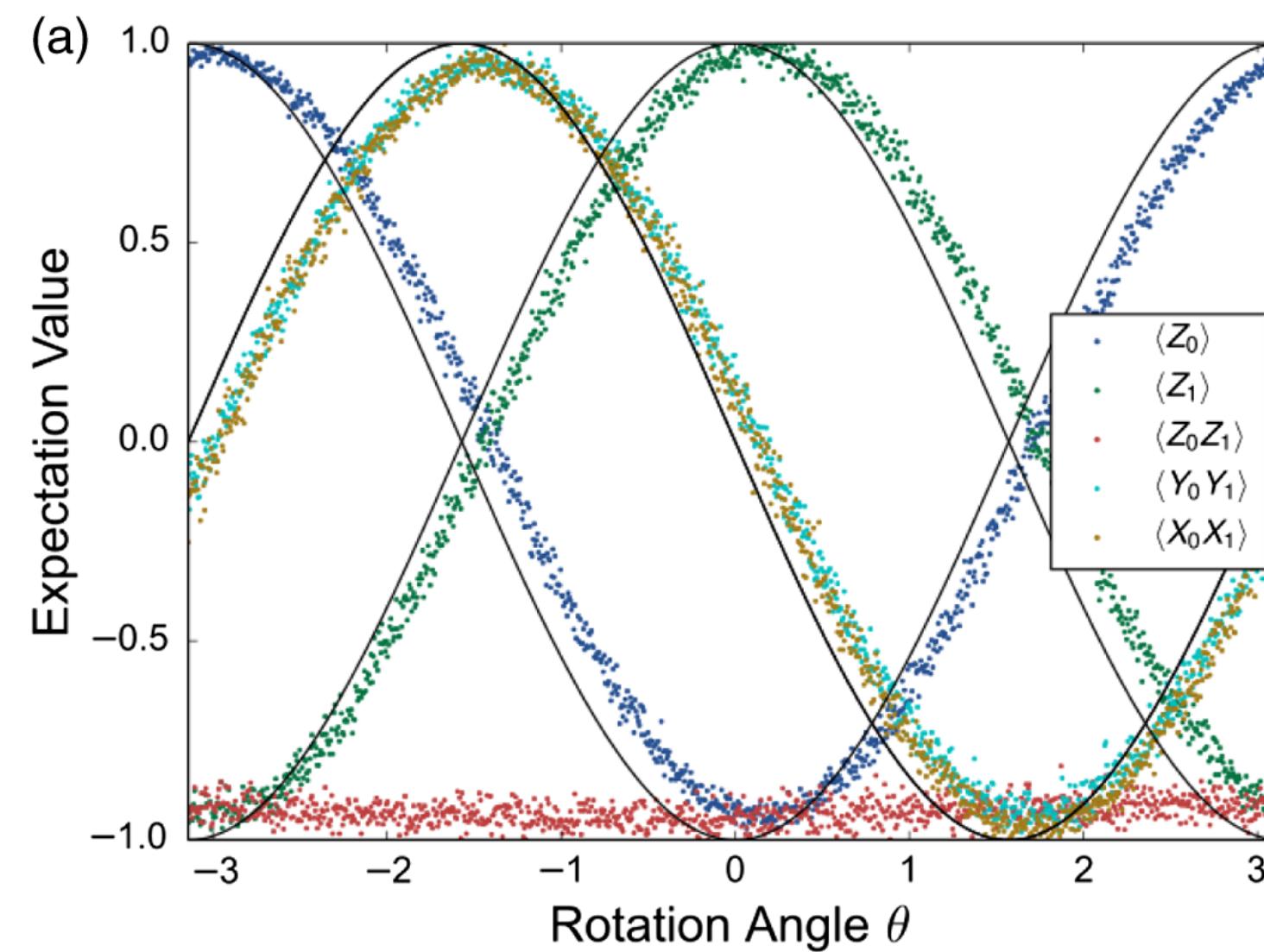


BeH<sub>2</sub> molecule with 6 qubits

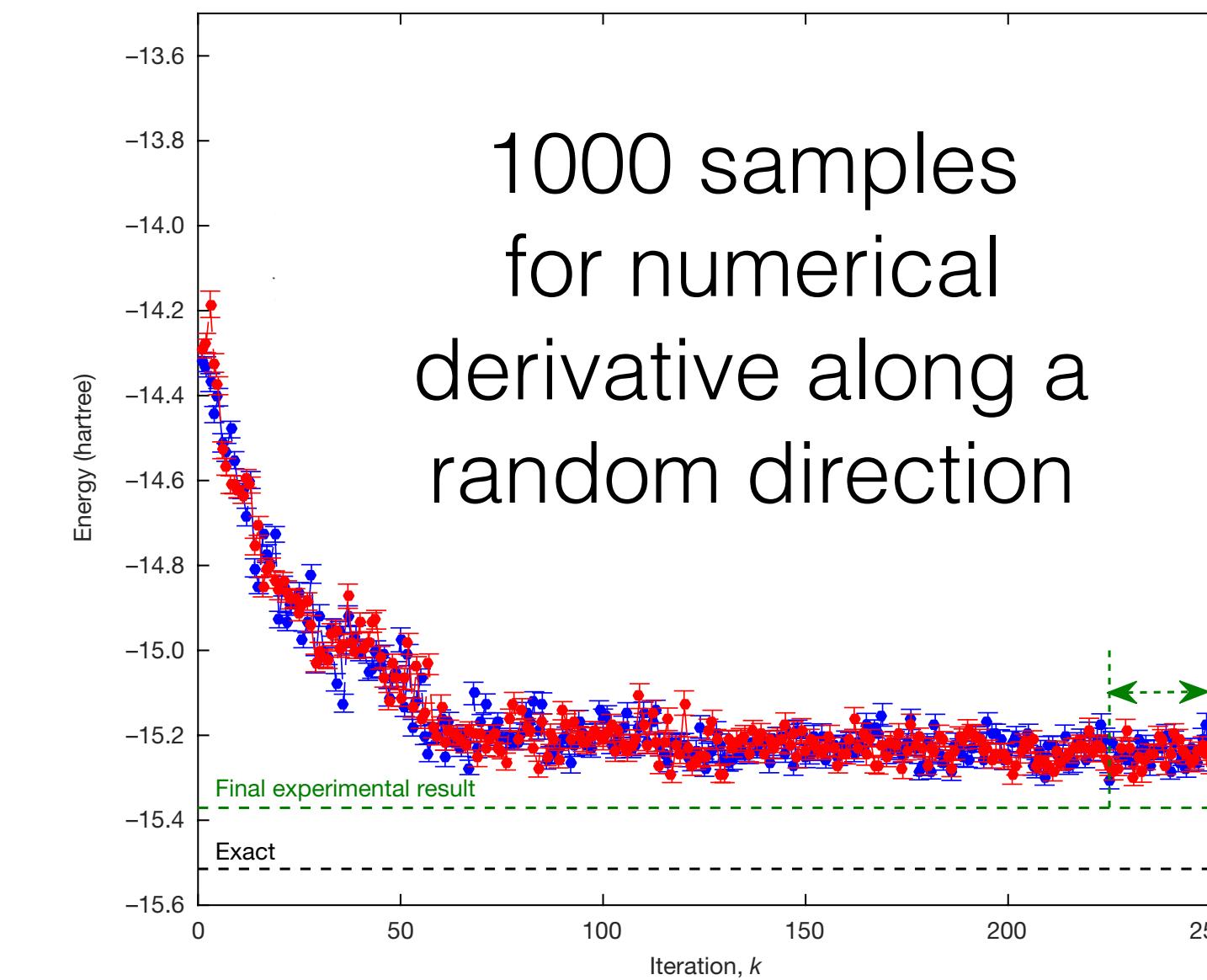


# Optimize the quantum circuit

Scan 1000 values of the single variational parameter



Stochastic gradient descend with numerical derivative

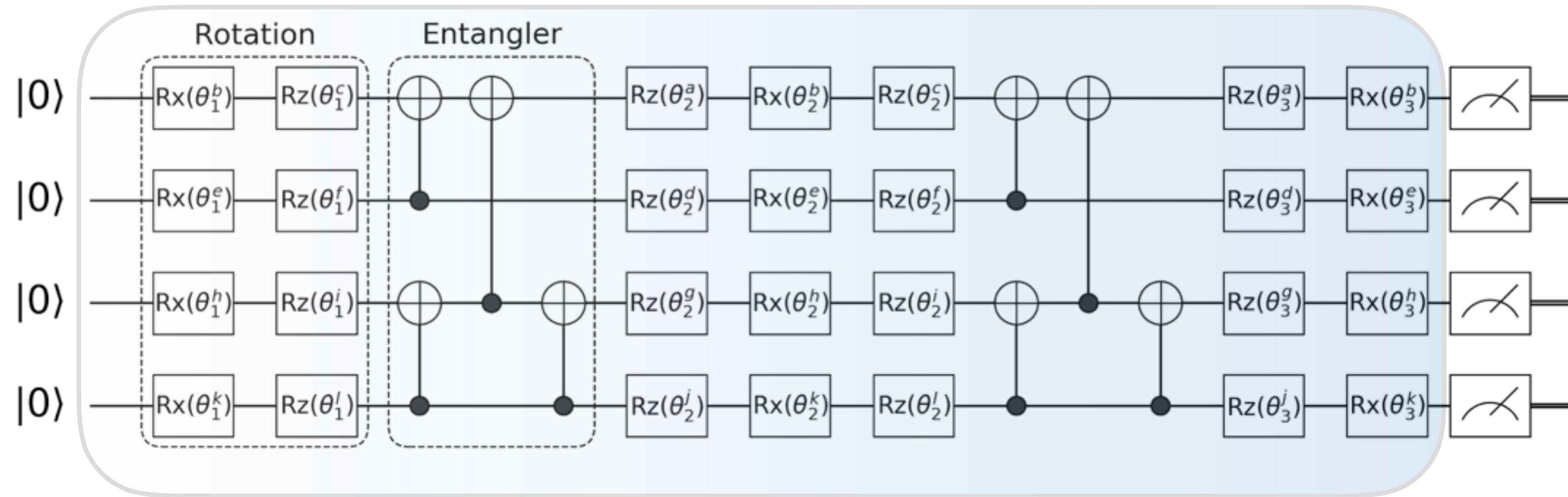


Google PRX '16

IBM Nature '17

These optimization schemes do not scale to higher dimensions

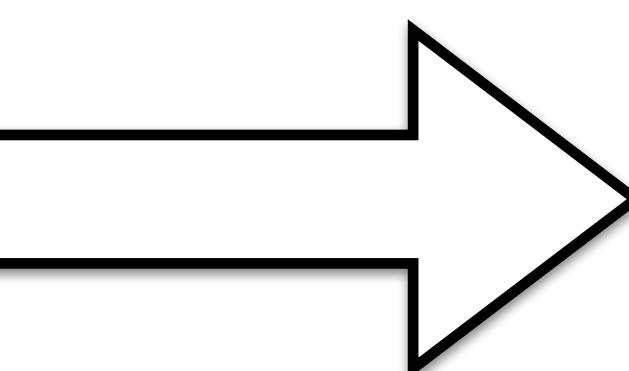
# Differentiable quantum circuits



Parametrized gate of the form

$$e^{-\frac{i\theta}{2}\sum} \text{ with } \sum^2 = 1$$

eg, X, Y, Z, CNOT, SWAP...



Li et al, PRL '17, Mitarai et al, PRA '18  
Schuld et al, PRA '19, Nakanishi et al '19

$$\nabla \langle H \rangle_\theta = (\langle H \rangle_{\theta+\pi/2} - \langle H \rangle_{\theta-\pi/2})/2$$

**Unbiased gradient estimator measured on quantum circuits**

# Monte Carlo Gradient Estimation in Machine Learning

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59 pages survey, three types of gradient estimators

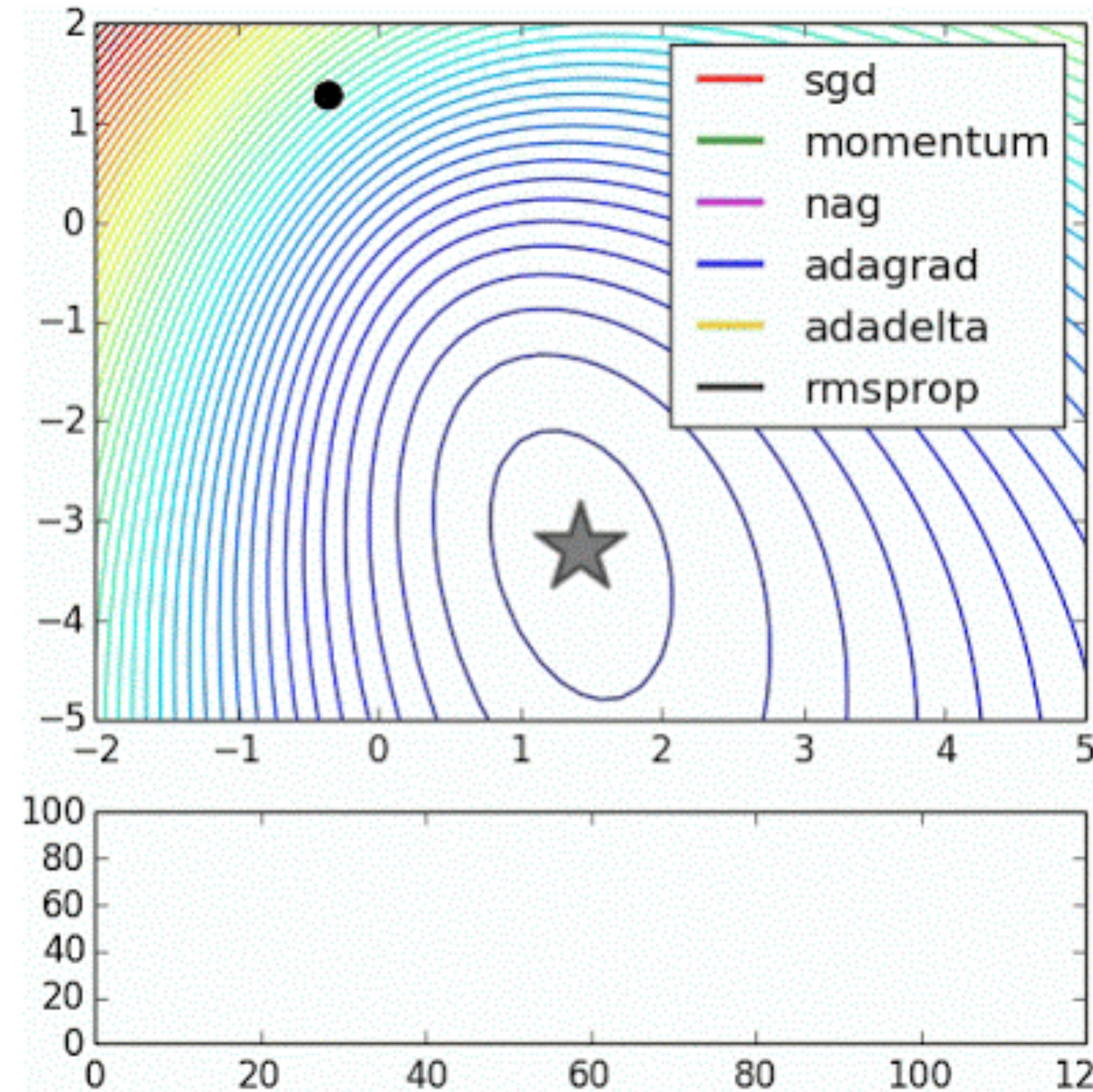
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## 10.1 Guidance in Choosing Gradient Estimators $\nabla_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_{\theta}} [f(x)]$

With so many competing approaches, we offer our rules of thumb in choosing an estimator, which follow the intuition we developed throughout the paper:

- If our estimation problem involves continuous functions and measures that are continuous in the domain, then using the pathwise estimator is a good default. It is relatively easy to implement and a default implementation, one without other variance reduction, will typically have variance that is low enough so as not to interfere with the optimisation.
- If the cost function is not differentiable or a black-box function then the score-function or the measure-valued gradients are available. If the number of parameters is low, then the measure-valued gradient will typically have lower variance and would be preferred. But if we have a high-dimensional parameter set, then the score function estimator should be used.
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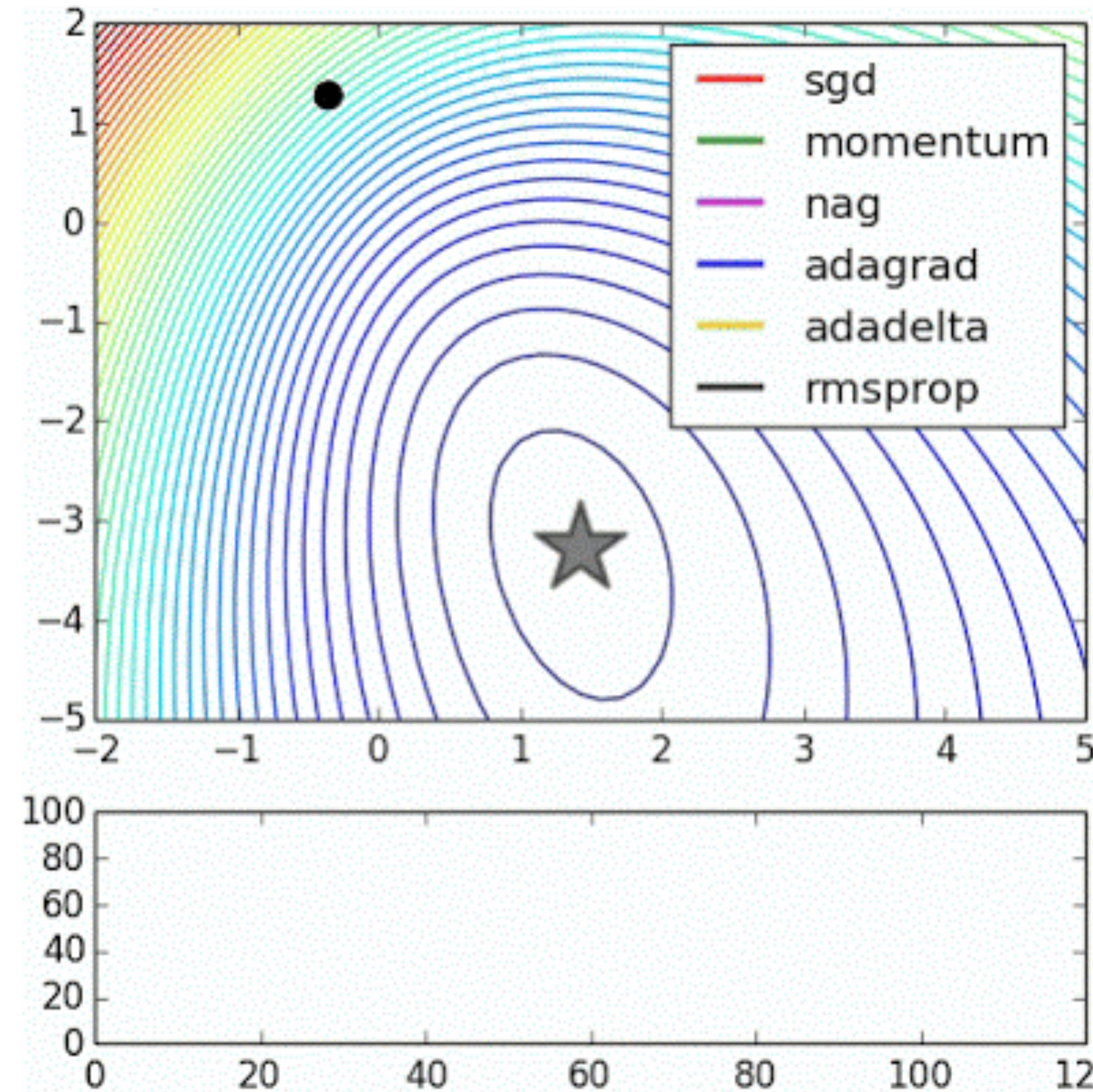
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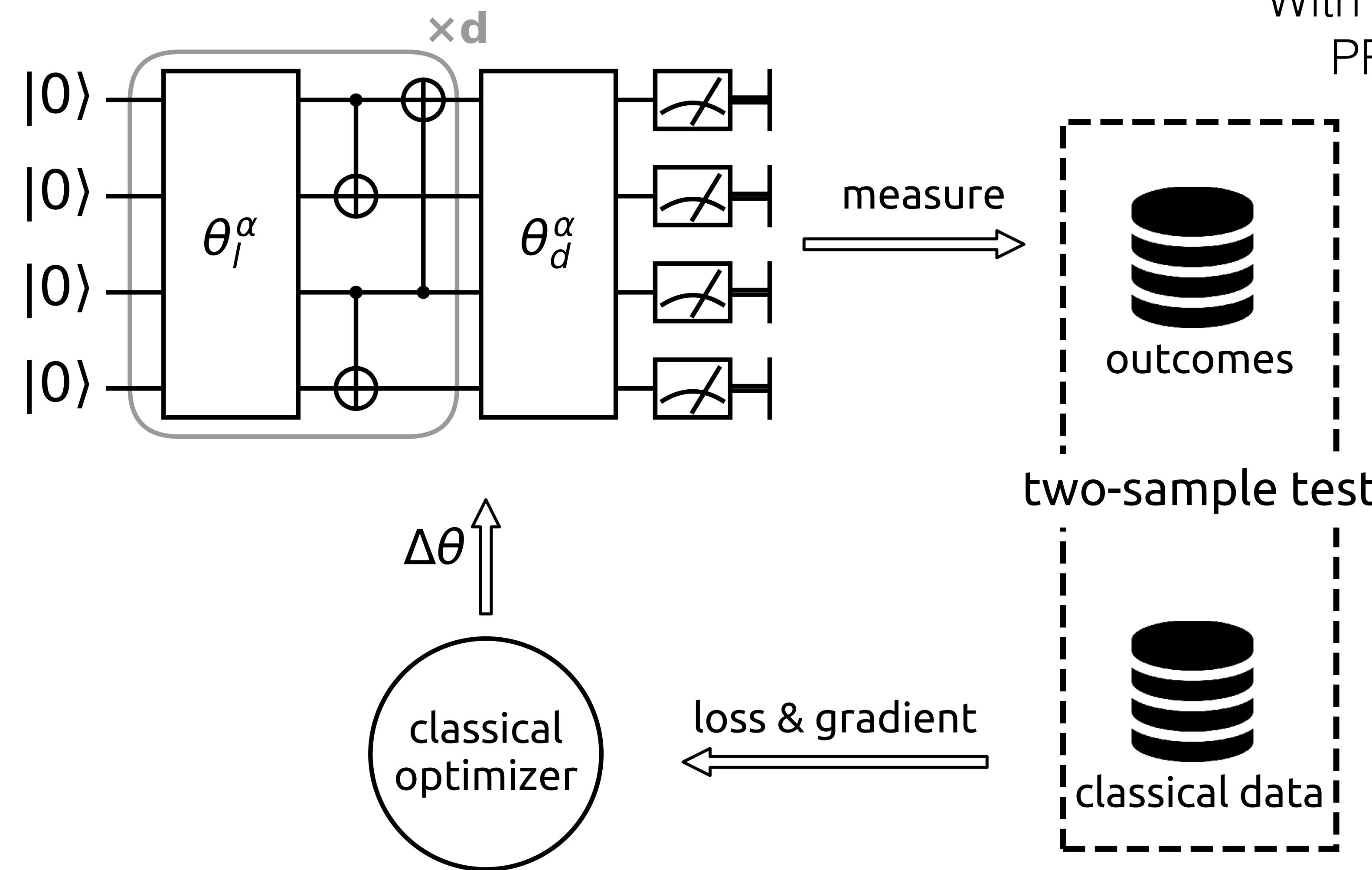


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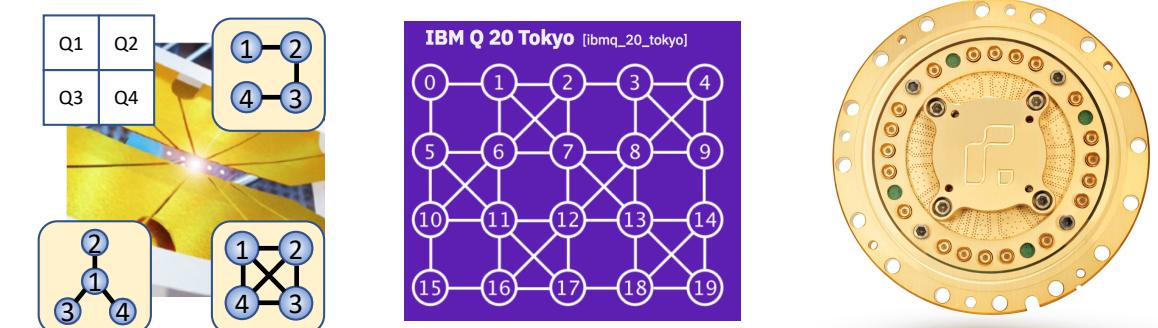
# Quantum Circuit Born Machine

With Liu, Zeng, Wu, Hu  
PRA '18, PRA '19



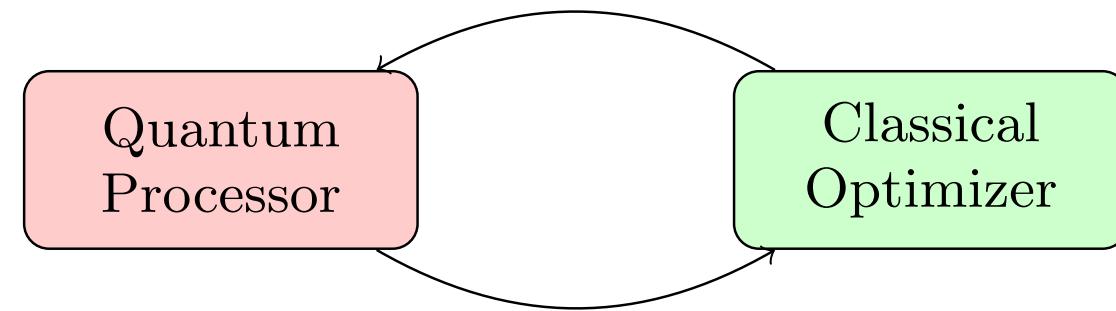
Experiments:

- 1801.07686
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Train quantum circuits as probabilistic generative models with implicit density  
Strong expressibility due to quantum sampling complexity

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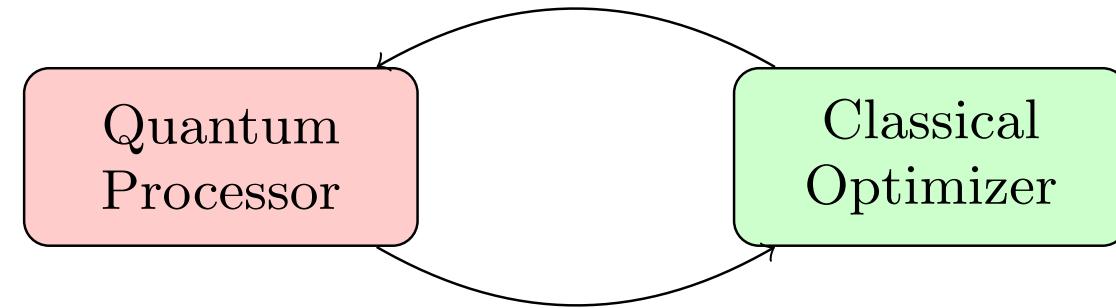
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**Near term:**

What can we do with noisy circuits of limited depth ?

**Long term:**

Are we really good at programing quantum computers ?

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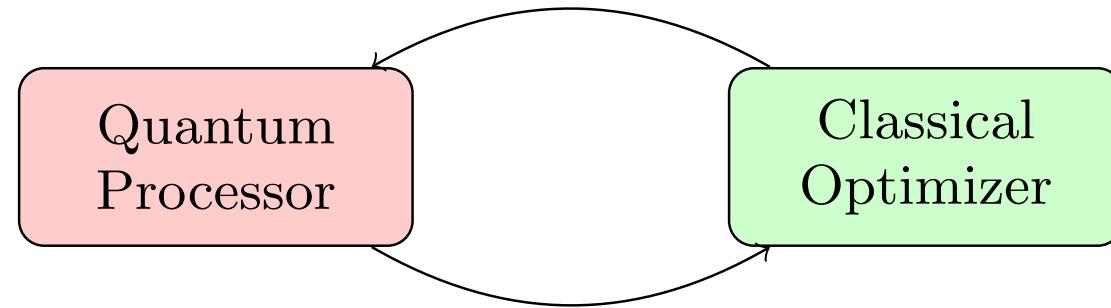
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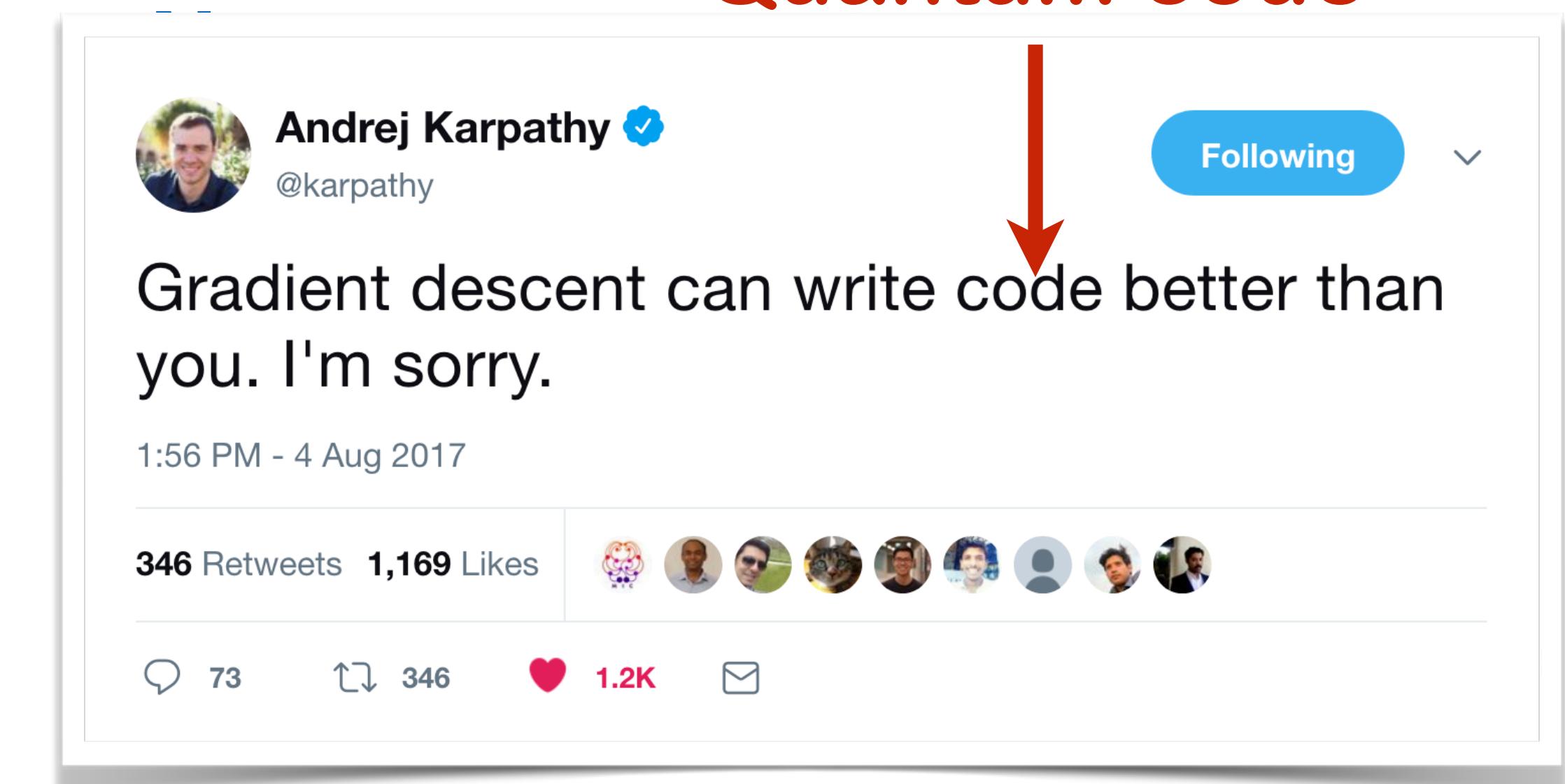
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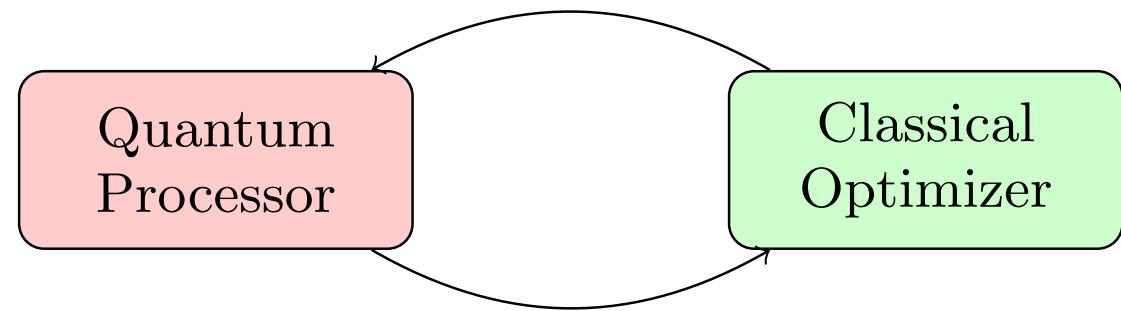
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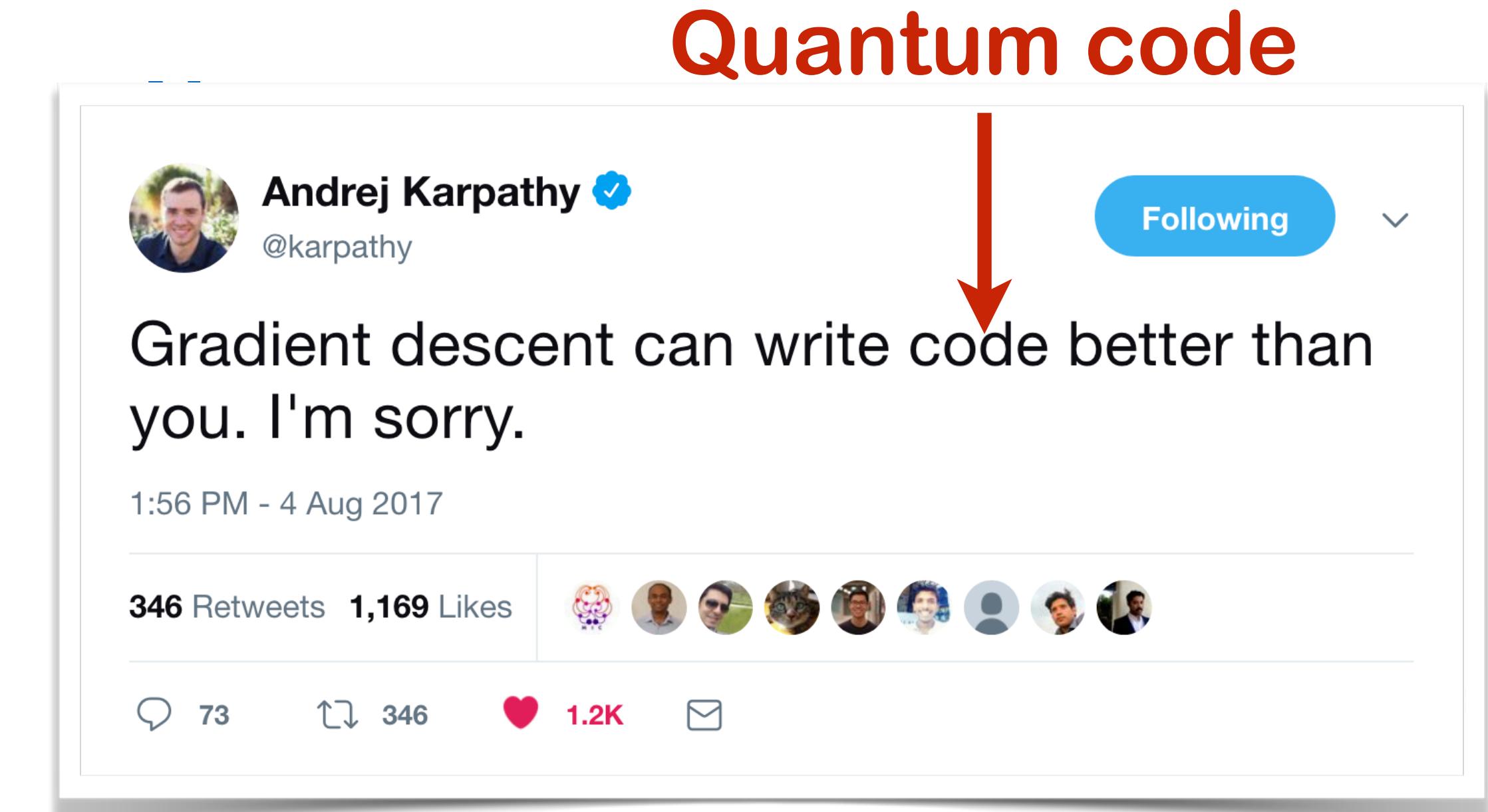
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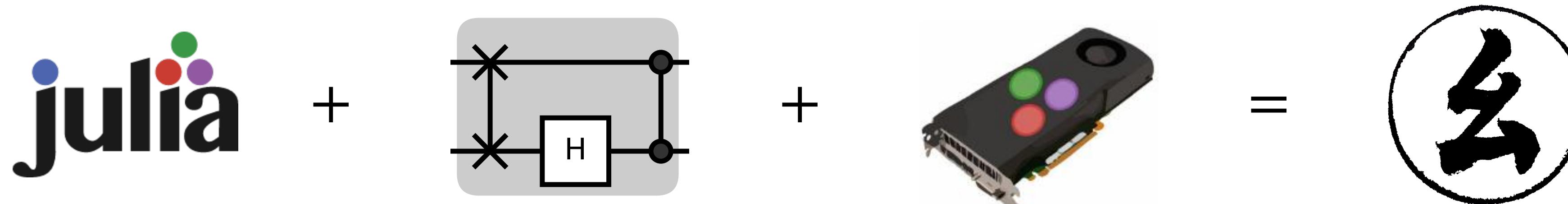
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**Quantum Software 2.0**

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# Be prepared for Quantum Software 2.0

<https://github.com/QuantumBFS/Yao.jl>



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Features:

- Differentiable programming quantum circuits
- Batch parallelization with GPU acceleration
- Quantum block intermediate representation

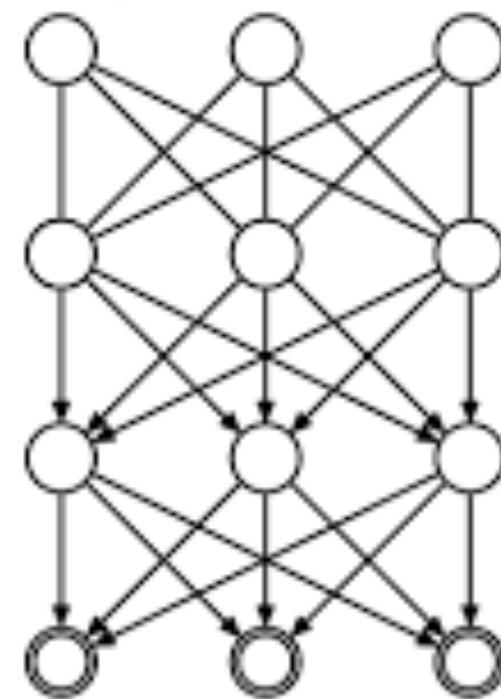
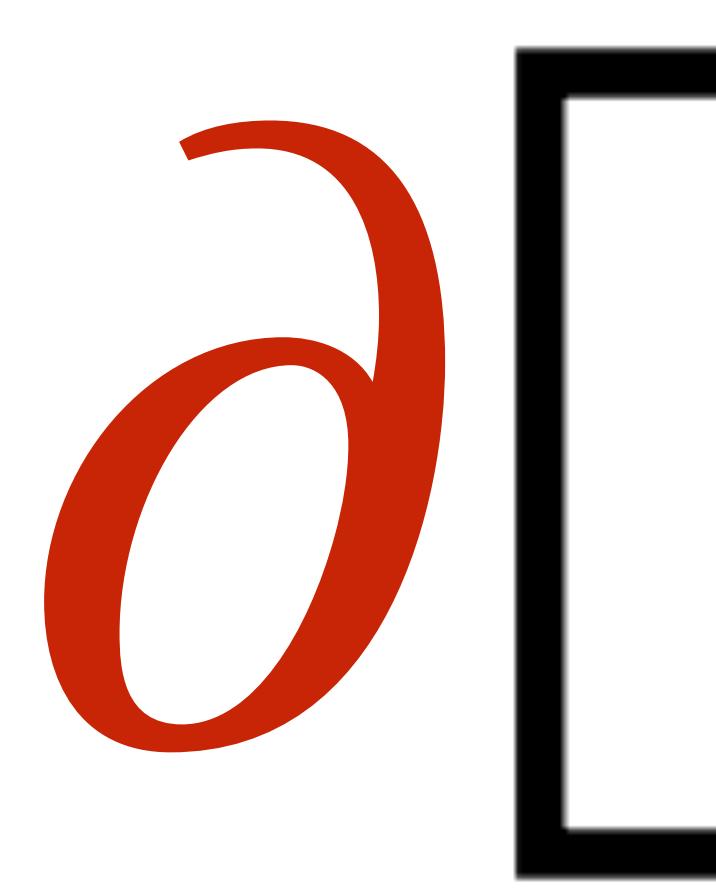
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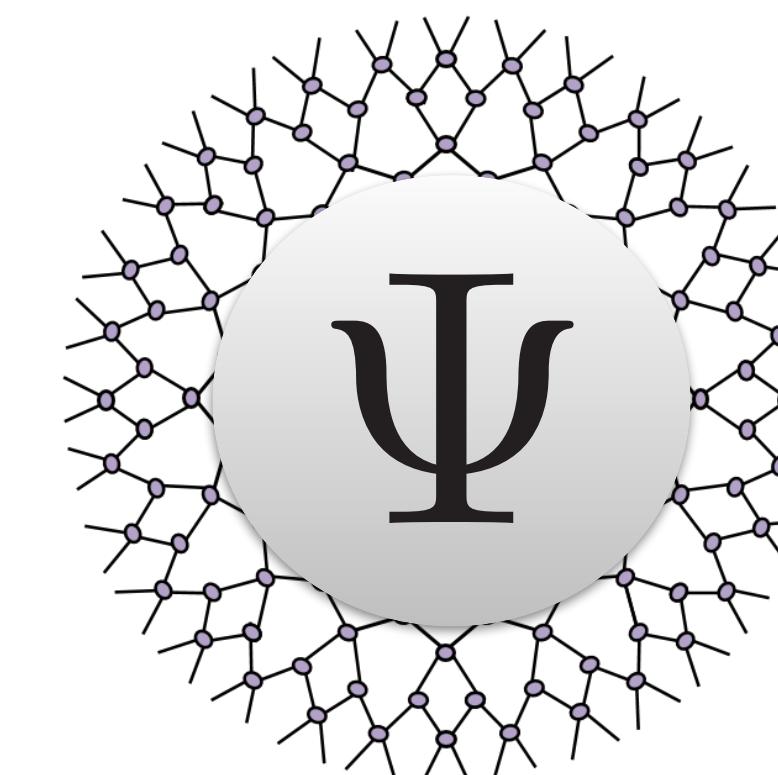
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## Yao.jl: Extensible, Efficient Framework for Quantum Algorithm Design

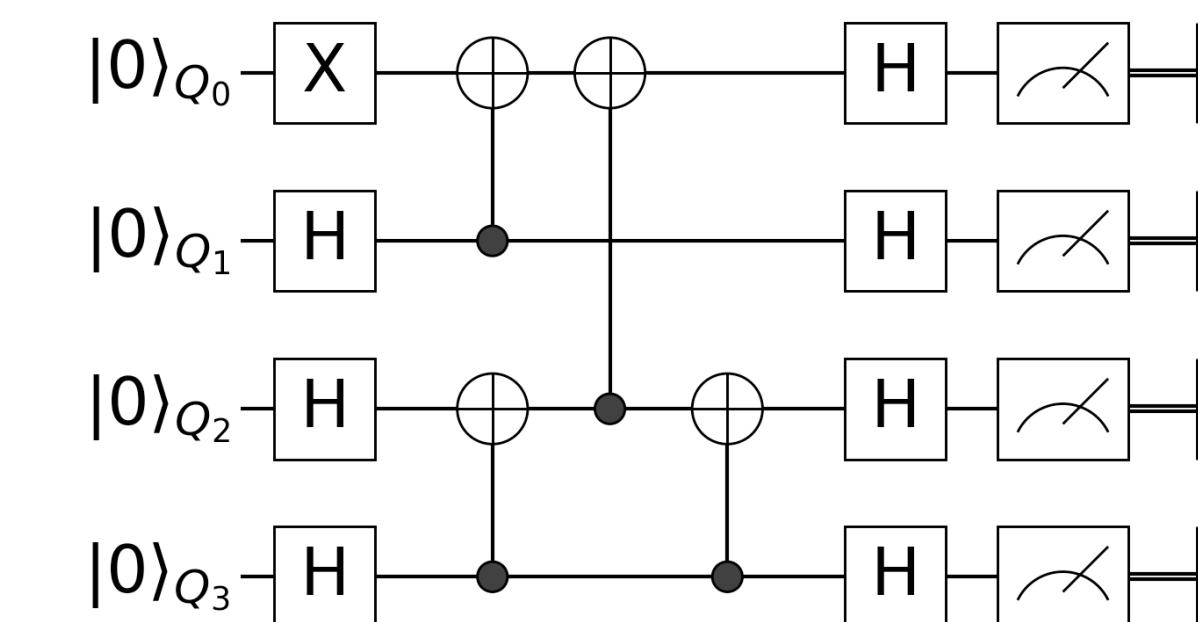
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Neural Networks



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